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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT AT 5.7 PERCENT JAN 17 1995

IN DECEMBER; U.S. AT 5.4 PERCENT

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Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for December was 5.7 percent -- up from 5.5 in November. The national rate was 5.4 percent -- down from November's 5.6 percent.

"We have had a year of gradual but sustainable growth, with an annual average unemployment rate in Massachusetts of 6.0 percent compared to 6.1 for the U.S.," Nordberg said. "This monthly survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, shows 15,000 more people in the labor force, and 9,000 more people working, and 6,000 more unemployed, combining for December's rate of 5.7 percent."

The December rates for the remaining ten large states were: California - 7.4 percent; Florida - 6.3; New Jersey - 6.1; Texas - 6.0; Pennsylvania - 5.9; New York - 5.4; Michigan - 4.5; Ohio - 4.3; Illinois - 4.2; and North Carolina - 3.3 percent.

Nordberg noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs in November was 2,939,300 -- 69,100 more than in November of 1993. The services industry sector had 1,013,300 jobs, exceeding the one-million level for the sixth consecutive month. (See reverse side.)

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Nov. '94</u>	<u>Oct. '94</u>	<u>Nov. '93</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Year</u>
Nonagricult.	2,939,300	2,943,500	2,870,200	-4,200	69,100
Construction	87,000	86,300	84,600	700	2,400
Manufacturing	443,800	444,600	447,600	-800	-3,800
Transp./Util.	125,700	127,100	124,900	-1,400	800
Trade	673,800	676,600	650,500	-2,800	23,300
Wholesale	159,200	159,600	154,300	-400	4,900
Retail	514,600	517,000	496,200	-2,400	18,400
Fin.,Ins.,RE	201,800	202,000	200,500	-200	1,300
Services	1,013,300	1,014,200	972,100	-900	41,200
Government	392,800	391,600	388,800	1,200	4,000
*High Tech					
Mfg.	163,300	163,600	169,700	-300	-6,400
*High Tech	106,500	105,900	100,300	600	6,200
Non-mfg.					

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Massachusetts Labor Force Data
Seasonally Adjusted Numbers in 000's -- 1994

<u>1994</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Rate</u>
January	3172	2944	228	7.2
February	3130	2930	200	6.4
March	3142	2957	185	5.9
April	3127	2937	190	6.1
May	3155	2972	183	5.8
June	3158	2969	189	6.0
July	3219	3028	191	5.9
August	3172	2984	188	5.9
September	3181	3014	167	5.2
October	3183	2979	205	6.4
November	3164	2990	174	5.5
December	3179	2999	180	5.7

*Note: Due to the Current Population Survey (CPS) redesign, comparisons to prior years are not advisable.

Source: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training



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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RISES TO 6.0 PERCENT IN JANUARY; U.S. AT 5.7 PERCENT

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for January rose slightly to 6.0 percent -- up from December's revised rate of 5.6 percent. The national rate was 5.7 percent -- up from 5.4 in December.

"January's rate of 6.0 matches the state's 1994 annual average of 6.0 percent," Nordberg said. "This monthly survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, shows 27,000 more people in the labor force and 14,000 more people working, combining for the 6.0 percent rate."

The January rates for the remaining ten large states were: California - 8.2 percent; New Jersey - 7.2; New York - 6.0; Pennsylvania - 5.9; Florida - 5.8; Texas - 5.8; Michigan - 5.5; Illinois - 5.3; Ohio - 4.0; and North Carolina - 3.8 percent.

Nordberg noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs in December was 2,936,900 -- 68,500 more than in December of 1993. The services industry sector had 1,014,400 jobs, surpassing the one-million level for the seventh consecutive month.

(See reverse side.)

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Dec. '94</u>	<u>Nov. '94</u>	<u>Dec. '93</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Year</u>
Nonagricult.	2,936,900	2,940,200	2,868,400	-3,300	68,500
Construction	86,900	86,500	85,200	400	1,700
Manufacturing	440,000	444,100	446,100	-100	-2,100
Transp./Util.	125,800	125,800	125,300	0	500
Trade	670,700	673,900	648,100	-3,200	22,600
Wholesale	159,600	159,200	154,700	400	4,900
Retail	511,100	514,700	493,400	-3,600	17,700
Fin., Ins., RE	201,400	201,900	200,600	-500	800
Services	1,014,500	1,014,600	974,000	-100	40,500
Government	392,400	392,300	387,800	100	4,600
 *High Tech.	 163,500	 163,400	 168,200	 100	 -4,700
Mfg.					
*High Tech.	107,100	106,600	101,400	500	5,700
Non-mfg.					

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MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA (Numbers in thousands)

<u>1995</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Rate</u>
January	3221	3028	194	6.0
 <u>1994</u>	 <u>Labor Force</u>	 <u>Employed</u>	 <u>Unemployed</u>	 <u>Rate</u>
January	3183	2959	224	7.0
 <u>1994 Annual</u>	 <u>Labor Force</u>	 <u>Employed</u>	 <u>Unemployed</u>	 <u>Rate</u>
<u>Avg.</u>				
January	3179	2988	191	6.0

Source: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 5.4 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY; U.S. AT 5.4 PERCENT

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for February dropped to 5.4 percent -- down from January's rate of 6.0 percent. The national rate was also 5.4 percent -- down from 5.7 in January.

"February's 5.4 rate places us below the November (5.5) and December (5.6) levels in Massachusetts, and at the same level as the U.S.," Nordberg said. "This monthly survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, shows 19,000 fewer people in the labor force, 3,000 more people working and 22,000 fewer unemployed than in January."

The February rates for the remaining ten large states were: California - 7.3 percent; New Jersey - 6.1; New York - 6.1; Michigan - 5.6; Pennsylvania - 5.6; Illinois - 5.3; Texas - 5.1; North Carolina - 4.6; Florida - 4.5; and Ohio - 4.0 percent.

Nordberg noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs in January showed a total of 2,933,800 jobs -- 57,400 more than in January of 1994, a 2.0% growth. (See reverse side.)

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Jan. '95</u>	<u>Dec. '94</u>	<u>Jan. '94</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Year</u>
Nonagricult.	2,933,800	2,943,200	2,876,400	-9,400	57,400
Construction	91,500	90,300	83,800	1,200	7,700
Manufacturing	448,100	447,800	449,300	300	-1,200
Transp./Util.	126,500	127,100	126,000	-600	500
Trade	675,400	674,300	659,200	1,100	16,200
Wholesale	160,300	162,000	157,200	-1,700	3,100
Retail	515,100	512,300	502,000	2,800	13,100
Fin.,Ins.,R.E.	209,600	209,600	207,600	0	2,000
Services	985,400	996,000	959,000	-10,600	26,400
Government	395,900	396,600	390,300	-700	5,600
*High Tech.	163,300	164,400	169,200	-1,100	-5,900
Mfg.					
*High Tech.	103,300	103,800	96,400	-500	6,900
Non-mfg.					

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MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA (Seasonally Adjusted Numbers in Thousands)

<u>1995</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Rate</u>
January	3221	3028	194	6.0
February	3202	3030	172	5.4
 <u>1994</u>	 <u>Labor Force</u>	 <u>Employed</u>	 <u>Unemployed</u>	 <u>Rate</u>
January	3183	2959	224	7.0
February	3151	2952	199	6.3

Source: Department of Employment and Training

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 4.6 PERCENT IN MARCH; U.S. AT 5.5 PERCENT

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for March dropped to 4.6 percent -- down from February's rate of 5.4 percent. The national rate was 5.5 percent -- up from 5.4 in February.

"March is the fifth month in a row that we have had employment gains in Massachusetts," Nordberg said. "This monthly survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, shows 18,000 more people in the labor force, 61,000 more people working and 44,000 fewer unemployed than in March of 1994."

The March rates for the remaining ten large states were: California - 7.6 percent; New York - 6.6; Michigan - 6.0; Pennsylvania - 6.0; New Jersey - 5.8; Texas - 5.7; Florida - 4.4; Illinois - 4.4; North Carolina - 3.9; and Ohio - 3.8 percent.

Nordberg noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs in February showed an estimated total of 2,942,600 jobs -- 66,600 more than in February of 1994, a 2.3% growth. (See reverse side.)

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Feb. '95</u>	<u>Jan. '94</u>	<u>Feb. '94</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Year</u>
Nonagricult.	2,942,600	2,937,200	2,876,000	5,400	66,600
Construction	91,400	92,300	83,900	-900	7,500
Manufacturing	449,100	447,900	449,200	1,200	-100
Transp./Util.	126,000	126,500	126,400	-500	-400
Trade	676,600	675,600	658,800	1,000	17,800
Wholesale	160,200	160,200	157,400	0	2,800
Retail	516,400	515,400	501,400	1,000	14,000
Fin., Ins., R.E.	209,600	209,800	207,000	-200	2,600
Services	994,000	987,700	959,500	6,300	34,500
Government	394,400	396,000	389,900	-1,600	4,500
 *High Tech.	 163,000	 163,300	 168,800	 300	 -5,800
Mfg.					
*High Tech.	103,100	103,000	97,300	100	5,800
Non-mfg.					

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MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA (Seasonally Adjusted Numbers in Thousands)

<u>1995</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Rate</u>
January	3221	3028	194	6.0
February	3202	3030	172	5.4
March	3182	3035	146	4.6
 <u>1994</u>	 <u>Labor Force</u>	 <u>Employed</u>	 <u>Unemployed</u>	 <u>Rate</u>
January	3183	2959	224	7.0
February	3151	2952	199	6.3
March	3164	2974	190	6.0

Source: Department of Employment and Training

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RISES TO 5.9 PERCENT IN APRIL; U.S. AT 5.8 PERCENT

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for April rose to 5.9 percent -- up from March's rate of 4.6 percent. The national rate was 5.8 percent -- up from 5.5 in March.

"Despite the monthly rate increase, our three-month average for February, March and April remained constant at 5.3 percent," Nordberg said. "This monthly survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, shows 15,000 more people in the labor force, 19,000 more people working and 4,000 fewer unemployed than in April of 1994, when the rate was 6.1 percent."

The April rates for the remaining ten large states were: California - 7.9 percent; New York - 6.8; New Jersey - 6.3; Texas - 5.9; Michigan - 5.8; Pennsylvania - 5.8; Illinois - 5.7; Florida - 5.6; North Carolina - 4.7; and Ohio - 4.5 percent.

Nordberg noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs in March showed an estimated total of 2,949,700 jobs -- 67,600 more than in March of 1994, a 2.3% growth. (See reverse side.)

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
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<u>Industry</u>	<u>March '95</u>	<u>Feb. '94</u>	<u>March '94</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Year</u>
Nonagricult.	2,949,700	2,943,600	2,882,100	6,100	67,600
Construction	91,700	91,500	83,100	200	8,600
Manufacturing	450,000	449,200	449,200	800	800
Transp./Util.	126,200	126,000	126,500	200	-300
Trade	678,400	676,600	661,000	1,800	17,400
Wholesale	160,800	160,300	157,600	500	3,200
Retail	517,600	516,300	503,400	1,300	14,200
Fin.,Ins.,R.E.	210,800	209,900	207,600	900	3,200
Services	997,900	994,400	964,700	3,500	33,200
Government	393,100	394,500	388,800	-1,400	4,300
*High Tech.	163,000	163,000	168,600	0	-5,600
Mfg.					
*High Tech.	103,800	103,300	97,900	500	5,900
Non-mfg.					

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MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA (Seasonally Adjusted Numbers in Thousands)

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January	3183	2959	224	7.0
February	3151	2952	199	6.3
March	3164	2974	190	6.0
April	3152	2961	191	6.1

Source: Department of Employment and Training

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 5.0 PERCENT
IN MAY; U.S. AT 5.7 PERCENT**

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for May dropped to 5.0 percent -- down from April's 5.9 percent. The national rate was 5.7 percent -- down from 5.8 in April.

"Despite monthly fluctuations, our three-month average for March, April and May is 5.2 percent -- compared to the three-month U.S. average of 5.6 percent," Nordberg said. "This monthly survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, shows 26,000 fewer people in the labor force, 3,000 more people working and 29,000 fewer unemployed than in May of 1994, when the rate was 5.8 percent."

The May rates for the remaining ten large states were: California - 8.5 percent; New Jersey - 6.5; New York - 6.3; Texas - 6.0; Michigan - 5.7; Pennsylvania - 5.7; Illinois - 5.5; Florida - 5.1; Ohio - 4.7; and North Carolina - 4.3 percent.

Nordberg noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs in April showed an estimated total of 2,956,400 jobs -- 68,500 more than in April of 1994, a 2.4% growth.

(See reverse side.)

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>April '95</u>	<u>Mar. '95</u>	<u>April '94</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Year</u>
Nonagricult.	2,956,400	2,947,500	2,887,900	8,900	68,500
Construction	91,500	92,300	86,700	-800	4,800
Manufacturing	448,800	449,500	449,000	-700	-200
Transp./Util.	126,000	126,000	125,400	0	600
Trade	682,500	678,600	661,800	3,900	20,700
Wholesale	161,700	160,900	158,100	800	3,600
Retail	520,800	517,700	503,700	3,100	17,100
Fin.,Ins.,R.E.	210,500	210,700	207,800	-200	2,700
Services	1,000,600	995,700	967,100	4,900	33,500
Government	395,100	393,200	388,800	1,900	6,300
*High Tech. Mfg.	162,300	162,900	168,500	-600	-6,200
*High Tech. Non-mfg.	104,700	104,000	98,600	700	6,100

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NOTE: Mass. Current Population Survey estimates from April 1995 to the present reflect a downward adjustment of population by the U. S. Census Bureau. The estimates prior to April have not been adjusted; thus, the population, labor force and employment data for the first quarter of 1995 are overstated.

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT ROSE TO 5.6 PERCENT IN JUNE; U.S. ALSO AT 5.6 PERCENT

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for June rose to 5.6 percent -- up from May's 5.0 percent. The national rate was 5.6 -- down from 5.7 in May.

"Despite monthly fluctuations, our three-month average for April, May and June is 5.5 percent -- compared to the three-month U.S. average of 5.7 percent," Nordberg said. "This monthly survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, shows 34,000 fewer people in the labor force, 22,000 fewer people working and 12,000 fewer unemployed than in June of 1994, when the rate was 6.0 percent."

The June rates for the remaining ten large states were: California - 7.6 percent; New Jersey - 6.6; Texas - 6.3; Michigan - 6.2; Pennsylvania - 6.2; New York - 5.9; Florida - 5.3; Ohio - 4.8; North Carolina - 4.4; and Illinois - 4.1 percent.

Nordberg noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs in May showed an estimated total of 2,948,300 jobs -- 60,300 more than in May of 1994, a 2.1% growth.

(See reverse side.)

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>May '95</u>	<u>April '95</u>	<u>May '94</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Year</u>
Nonagricult.	2,948,300	2,951,500	2,888,000	-3,200	60,300
Construction	91,300	91,600	86,100	-300	5,200
Manufacturing	448,800	448,700	448,600	-700	-600
Transp./Util.	127,200	126,600	126,800	600	400
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Government	393,800	393,600	383,000	200	5,500
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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT ROSE TO 5.7 PERCENT
IN JULY; U.S. ALSO AT 5.7 PERCENT**

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for July rose slightly to 5.7 percent -- up from June's 5.6 percent. The national rate was also 5.7 -- up from 5.6 in June.

"Despite monthly fluctuations, our three-month average for May, June and July is 5.4 percent -- compared to the three-month U.S. average of 5.7 percent," Nordberg said.

"This monthly survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, shows 18,000 more people in the labor force, 14,000 more people working and 3,000 more unemployed than there were last month."

The July rates for the other ten large states were: California - 7.9 percent; New Jersey - 6.8; New York - 6.2; Texas - 6.0; Pennsylvania - 5.4; Florida - 5.2; Illinois - 5.1; Michigan - 5.1; Ohio - 4.9; and North Carolina - 4.0 percent

Nordberg noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs in June showed an estimated total of 2,950,500 jobs -- 54,800 more than in June of 1994, a 1.9% growth.

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Current Employment Statistics (CES-790)
Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates for June, 1995
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>June '95</u>	<u>May '95</u>	<u>June '94</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Year</u>
Nonagricult.	2,950,500	2,948,300	2,895,700	2,200	54,800
Construction	91,700	91,100	87,200	600	4,500
Mfg.	448,300	448,500	448,400	-200	-100
Transp./Util.	127,700	127,400	126,700	300	1,000
Trade	673,800	675,400	664,600	-1,600	9,200
Wholesale	161,500	161,300	158,400	200	3,100
Retail	512,300	514,100	506,200	-1,800	6,100
Fin.,Ins.,R.E.	212,200	211,000	208,400	1,200	3,800
Services	999,000	999,400	969,400	-400	29,600
Government	396,400	394,000	389,700	2,400	6,700
 *High Tech.	 161,900	 161,600	 169,000	 300	 -7,100
Mfg.					
*High Tech.	106,600	105,100	101,200	1,500	5,400
Non-mfg.					

*These are D.E.T. estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

The **CES-790 series** is derived from a monthly survey of approximately 10,000 Massachusetts employers. This survey produces preliminary employment estimates for the state and its major labor market areas by counting the total number of payroll jobs in nonagricultural establishments by place of work. Current estimates are based on the March 1994 Benchmark.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA (Seasonally Adjusted Numbers in Thousands)

<u>1995</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Rate</u>
May	3144	2987	156	5.0
June	3137	2960	177	5.6
July	3154	2975	180	5.7
 <u>1994</u>	 <u>Labor Force</u>	 <u>Employed</u>	 <u>Unemployed</u>	 <u>Rate</u>
May	3170	2984	185	5.8
June	3171	2982	189	6.0
July	3205	3014	191	6.0

NOTE: Mass. Current Population Survey estimates from April 1995 to the present reflect a downward adjustment of population by the U. S. Census Bureau. The estimates prior to April have not been adjusted; thus, the population, labor force and employment data prior to April 1995 are overstated.

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 5.3 PERCENT
IN AUGUST; U.S. AT 5.6 PERCENT**

Deputy Commissioner Richard T. Sullivan of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for August dropped to 5.3 percent -- down from July's 5.7 percent. The national rate was 5.6 -- down from 5.7 in July.

"Our three-month average for June, July and August is 5.5 percent -- compared to the three-month U.S. average of 5.6 percent," Sullivan said. "This monthly survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, shows 19,000 fewer people in the labor force, 5,000 fewer people working and 14,000 fewer unemployed than there were last month."

The August rates for the other ten large states were: California - 7.8 percent; New York - 7.1; Texas - 6.7; New Jersey - 6.6; Illinois - 6.0; Pennsylvania - 5.5; Ohio - 5.4; Michigan - 5.1; Florida - 4.6; and North Carolina - 4.6 percent

Sullivan noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs in July showed an estimated total of 2,961,900 jobs -- 47,000 more than in July of 1994, a 1.6% growth.

(See reverse side.)

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Current Employment Statistics (CES-790)
Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates for July 1995
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>July'95</u>	<u>June'95</u>	<u>July '94</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Year</u>
Nonagricult.	2,961,900	2,953,800	2,914,900	8,100	47,000
Construction	92,500	92,300	89,000	200	3,500
Mfg.	451,600	448,300	450,900	3,300	700
Transp./Util.	127,200	126,700	127,900	500	-700
Trade	682,700	677,300	671,100	5,400	11,600
Wholesale	163,300	161,900	158,900	1,400	4,400
Retail	519,400	515,400	512,200	4,000	7,200
Fin.,Ins.,R.E.	211,700	212,100	209,600	-400	2,100
Services	1,002,500	999,300	976,900	3,200	25,600
Government	392,200	396,300	388,100	-4,100	4,100
 *High Tech.	 160,500	 161,800	 167,700	 -1,300	 -7,200
Mfg.					
*High Tech.	107,300	106,700	102,900	600	4,400
Non-mfg.					

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MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA (Seasonally Adjusted Numbers in Thousands)

<u>1995</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Rate</u>
May	3144	2987	156	5.0
June	3137	2960	177	5.6
July	3154	2975	180	5.7
August	3136	2970	166	5.3
 <u>1994</u>	 <u>Labor Force</u>	 <u>Employed</u>	 <u>Unemployed</u>	 <u>Rate</u>
May	3170	2984	185	5.8
June	3171	2982	189	6.0
July	3205	3014	191	6.0
August	3184	2998	187	5.9

NOTE: Mass. Current Population Survey estimates from April 1995 to the present reflect a downward adjustment of population by the U. S. Census Bureau. The estimates prior to April have not been adjusted; thus, the population, labor force and employment data prior to April 1995 are overstated.

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINS AT 5.3 PERCENT
IN SEPTEMBER; U.S. STAYS AT 5.6 PERCENT**

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for September was 5.3 percent -- as it was in August. The national rate of 5.6 percent also remained the same as in August.

"Our three-month average for July, August and September is 5.4 percent -- compared to the three-month U.S. average of 5.6 percent," Nordberg said. "This monthly survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, shows 26,000 fewer people in the labor force, 25,000 fewer people working and 1,000 fewer unemployed than there were last month."

The September rates for the other ten large states were: California - 7.2 percent; New York - 6.8; Pennsylvania - 6.4; Texas - 6.1; New Jersey - 5.7; Florida - 5.6; Illinois - 5.4; Ohio - 5.2; Michigan - 4.8; and North Carolina - 4.7 percent

Nordberg noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs in August showed an estimated total of 2,965,600 jobs -- 40,700 more than in August of 1994, a 1.4% growth. (See reverse side.)

In addition to unemployment information, Nordberg also announced that the \$336 maximum weekly amount paid to people collecting unemployment insurance compensation has been raised to \$347. The compensation rate is calculated annually to equal 57.5 percent of the state's average weekly wage, which, this past year, was \$604.03 -- the third consecutive year in which the increase exceeded the national rate of inflation. Claimants who filed insurance claims beginning Monday, October 2 may be eligible to receive the new rate.

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Current Employment Statistics (CES-790)
Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates for August 1995
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>August '95</u>	<u>July'95</u>	<u>August '94</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Year</u>
Nonagricult.	2,965,600	2,961,000	2,924,900	4,600	40,700
Construction	91,700	92,000	89,500	- 300	2,200
Mfg.	449,700	451,700	450,200	-2,000	-500
Transp./Util.	127,700	126,800	127,700	900	0
Trade	681,100	681,900	674,900	-800	6,200
Wholesale	162,800	162,700	160,000	100	2,800
Retail	518,300	519,200	514,900	-900	3,400
Fin.,Ins.,R.E.	212,800	212,100	209,800	700	3,000
Services	1,006,700	1,002,500	981,800	4,200	24,900
Government	394,400	392,500	389,600	1,900	4,800
 *High Tech.	 160,600	 160,400	 166,800	 200	 -6,200
Mfg.					
*High Tech.	107,500	107,200	103,900	300	3,600
Non-mfg.					

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The **CES-790 series** is derived from a monthly survey of approximately 10,000 Massachusetts employers. This survey produces preliminary employment estimates for the state and its major labor market areas by counting the total number of payroll jobs in nonagricultural establishments by place of work. Current estimates are based on the March 1994 Benchmark.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA (Seasonally Adjusted Numbers in Thousands)

<u>1995</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Rate</u>
July	3154	2975	180	5.7
August	3136	2970	166	5.3
September	3109	2944	165	5.3
 <u>1994</u>	 <u>Labor Force</u>	 <u>Employed</u>	 <u>Unemployed</u>	 <u>Rate</u>
July	3205	3014	191	6.0
August	3184	2998	187	5.9
September	3195	3019	176	5.5

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT STAYS AT 5.3 PERCENT
IN OCTOBER; U.S. AT 5.5 PERCENT**

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for October remained unchanged for the third consecutive month at 5.3 percent. The national rate of 5.5 percent dropped slightly from 5.6 in September.

"Our three-month average for August, September and October is 5.3 percent -- compared to the three-month U.S. average of 5.6 percent," Nordberg said. "This monthly survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, shows 44,000 more people working than there were last month, and 36,000 fewer unemployed than there were one year ago."

The October rates for the other ten large states were: California - 7.8 percent; Florida - 6.7; New York - 6.3; Texas - 6.2; New Jersey - 5.8; Pennsylvania - 5.1; Illinois - 4.8; Ohio - 4.7; Michigan - 4.4; and North Carolina 3.9 percent.

Nordberg noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs in September showed an estimated total of 2,971,800 jobs -- 35,700 more than in September of 1994, a 1.2% growth. (See reverse side.)

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Current Employment Statistics (CES-790)
Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates for September 1995
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<u>Industry</u>	<u>September '95</u>	<u>August '95</u>	<u>September '94</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Year</u>
Nonagricult.	2,971,800	2,965,700	2,936,100	6,100	35,700
Construction	90,800	91,800	89,200	-1,000	1,600
Mfg.	448,300	449,900	448,700	-1,600	-400
Transp./Util.	127,000	127,700	127,500	-700	-500
Trade	677,800	680,700	676,600	-2,900	1,200
Wholesale	162,400	162,600	160,900	-200	1,500
Retail	515,400	518,100	515,700	-2,700	-300
Fin.,Ins.,R.E.	212,700	212,700	209,800	0	2,900
Services	1,012,500	1,007,100	987,100	5,400	25,400
Government	401,200	394,300	395,800	6,900	5,400
 *High Tech.	 160,900	 160,900	 166,400	 0	 -5,500
Mfg.					
*High Tech.	106,700	107,700	103,000	-1,000	3,700
Non-mfg.					

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MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA (Seasonally Adjusted Numbers in Thousands)

<u>1995</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Rate</u>
August	3136	2970	166	5.3
September	3109	2944	165	5.3
October	3155	2988	167	5.3
 <u>1994</u>	 <u>Labor Force</u>	 <u>Employed</u>	 <u>Unemployed</u>	 <u>Rate</u>
August	3184	2998	187	5.9
September	3195	3019	176	5.5
October	3201	2998	204	6.4

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 5.1 PERCENT
IN NOVEMBER; U.S. AT 5.6 PERCENT**

Deputy Commissioner Richard T. Sullivan of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for November dropped to 5.1 percent, down from 5.3 in October. The national rate of 5.6 percent rose slightly from 5.5 in October.

"Our three-month average for September, October and November is 5.3 percent -- compared to the three-month U.S. average of 5.6 percent," Sullivan said. "This monthly survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, shows 6,000 more people in the labor force, 10,000 more working and 5,000 fewer unemployed than there were one month ago."

The November rates for the other ten large states were: California - 8.8 percent; Florida - 6.3; Pennsylvania - 6.3; New Jersey - 6.1; New York - 6.0; Texas - 6.0; Ohio - 5.8; Illinois - 5.0; Michigan - 5.0; and North Carolina - 4.2 percent.

Sullivan also noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs in October showed an estimated total of 2,974,300 jobs -- 34,900 more than in October of 1994, a 1.2% growth. (See reverse side.)

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Current Employment Statistics (CES-790)
Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates for October 1995
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>October '95</u>	<u>September '95</u>	<u>October '94</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Year</u>
Nonagricult.	2,974,300	2,973,100	2,939,400	0	34,900
Construction	91,100	91,100	89,400	0	1,700
Mfg.	449,500	448,400	447,800	1,100	1,700
Transp./Util.	127,100	126,900	127,800	200	-700
Trade	678,600	679,000	677,600	-400	1,000
Wholesale	163,200	162,500	161,300	700	1,900
Retail	515,400	516,500	516,300	-1,100	-900
Fin., Ins., R.E.	212,200	212,600	209,700	-400	2,500
Services	1,014,000	1,012,400	989,300	1,600	24,700
Government	400,300	401,200	396,400	-900	3,900
 *High Tech.	 161,400	 161,100	 164,500	 300	 -3,100
Mfg.					
*High Tech.	106,800	106,800	102,900	0	3,900
Non-mfg.					

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MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA (Seasonally Adjusted Numbers in Thousands)

<u>1995</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Rate</u>
September	3109	2944	165	5.3
October	3155	2988	167	5.3
November	3161	2998	162	5.1
 <u>1994</u>	 <u>Labor Force</u>	 <u>Employed</u>	 <u>Unemployed</u>	 <u>Rate</u>
September	3195	3019	176	5.5
October	3201	2998	204	6.4
November	3181	3005	175	5.5

NOTE: Mass. Current Population Survey estimates from April 1995 to the present reflect a downward adjustment of population by the U. S. Census Bureau. The estimates prior to April have not been adjusted; thus, the population, labor force and employment data prior to April 1995 are overstated.

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RISES SLIGHTLY TO 5.2 PERCENT IN DECEMBER; U.S. AT 5.6 PERCENT

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for December rose slightly to 5.2 percent, up from 5.1 in November. The national rate remained at 5.6 percent, the same as it was in November.

"Our 1995 average is 5.4 percent -- compared to the U.S. average for the year of 5.6 percent," Nordberg said. "This monthly survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, shows 14,000 fewer people in the labor force, 16,000 fewer working and 2,000 more unemployed than there were one month ago."

The December rates for the other ten large states were: California - 7.7 percent; New Jersey - 7.3; New York - 6.4; Texas - 6.4; Pennsylvania - 6.3; Florida - 6.2; Illinois - 5.7; Michigan - 5.3; North Carolina - 5.1; and Ohio - 5.1 percent.

Nordberg also noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs in November showed an estimated total of 2,971,400 jobs -- 29,100 more than in November of 1994, a 1.0% growth. (See reverse side.)

NOTE: The December local area unemployment statistics for Massachusetts will be released on February 6, rather than on January 23, as scheduled. The payroll survey, however, will be released on January 23.

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Current Employment Statistics (CES-790)
Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates for November 1995
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>November '95</u>	<u>October '95</u>	<u>November '94</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Year</u>
Nonagricult.	2,971,400	2,972,800	2,942,300	-1,400	29,100
Construction	91,000	91,100	89,700	-100	1,300
Mfg.	449,000	449,300	447,600	-300	1,400
Transp./Util.	127,500	127,000	127,200	500	300
Trade	677,000	677,800	677,400	-800	-400
Wholesale	162,900	163,100	161,400	-200	1,500
Retail	514,100	514,700	516,000	-600	-1,900
Fin., Ins., R.E.	211,300	212,200	209,700	-900	1,600
Services	1,015,100	1,013,700	992,300	1,400	22,800
Government	399,000	400,200	397,000	-1,200	2,000
 *High Tech.	 160,800	 161,400	 164,100	 -600	 -3,300
Mfg.					
*High Tech.	107,200	106,600	103,900	600	3,300
Non-Mfg.					

*These are D.E.T. estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

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MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA (Seasonally Adjusted Numbers in Thousands)

<u>1995</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Rate</u>
November	3161	2998	162	5.1
December	3146	2982	164	5.2
Year's Average	3159	2990	170	5.4
 <u>1994</u>	 <u>Labor Force</u>	 <u>Employed</u>	 <u>Unemployed</u>	 <u>Rate</u>
November	3181	3005	175	5.5
December	3194	3014	180	5.6
Year's Average	3179	2988	191	6.0

NOTE: Mass. Current Population Survey estimates from April 1995 to the present reflect a downward adjustment of population by the U. S. Census Bureau. The estimates prior to April have not been adjusted; thus, the population, labor force and employment data prior to April 1995 are overstated.

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 5.1 PERCENT IN JANUARY

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for January dropped slightly to 5.1 percent, down from the revised 5.3 in December. The national rate for January was 5.8 percent, up from 5.6 in December.

"The new state unemployment rate uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the unemployment insurance (UI) system," Nordberg said. "At 3,021,100, the number of employed residents is at its highest level since September 1990."

He added that the labor force data derived from new time series models developed the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics varies from state to state. Many states, including those whose survey data was previously comparable to that of Massachusetts, will be releasing data on different dates.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA

	Current Month	Prior Month	Prior Year	Net Change	Net Change
	<u>January 1996</u>	<u>December 1995</u>	<u>January 1995</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
Labor Force	3,184,700	3,161,700	3,184,000	23,000	700
Employment	3,021,100	2,994,400	3,000,800	26,700	20,300
Unemployment	163,600	167,300	183,200	-3,700	-19,600

Nordberg also noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs in January showed an estimated total of 3,002,600 jobs -- 48,200 more than in January of 1995. (See reverse side.)

NOTE: The February unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on March 22, as will the February survey of jobs. The local area unemployment statistics will be released on March 26.

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)
Massachusetts

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<u>Industry</u>	<u>January 96</u> <u>Current Month</u>	<u>December 95</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>January 95</u> <u>Year Ago</u>	<u>Net Change</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change</u> <u>Year Ago</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>Year Ago</u>
Nonagricultural	3,002,600	3,001,500	2,954,400	1,100	48,200	0.0%	1.6%
Construction	90,800	90,800	88,500	0	2,300	0.0%	2.6%
Manufacturing	446,800	447,100	447,000	(300)	(200)	-0.1%	-0.0%
Durables	278,600	278,400	277,000	200	1,600	0.1%	0.6%
Nondurables	168,200	168,700	170,000	(500)	(1,800)	-0.3%	-1.1%
Transportation, Util.	128,600	129,500	127,500	(900)	1,100	-0.7%	0.9%
Trade	691,200	692,800	684,200	(1,600)	7,000	-0.2%	1.0%
Wholesale	167,000	166,500	163,600	500	3,400	0.3%	2.1%
Retail	524,200	526,300	520,600	(2,100)	3,600	-0.4%	0.7%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	202,600	203,700	204,600	(1,100)	(2,000)	-0.5%	-1.0%
Services	1,043,400	1,040,200	1,009,900	3,200	33,500	0.3%	3.3%
Total Private	2,604,800	2,605,500	2,563,000	(700)	41,800	-0.0%	1.6%
Government	397,800	396,000	391,400	1,800	6,400	0.5%	1.6%
*High Tech Mfg.	162,600	162,500	163,800	100	(1,200)	0.1%	-0.7%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	111,200	111,600	106,000	(400)	5,200	-0.4%	4.9%

*These are DET estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1995 Benchmark

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 5.0 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for February dropped slightly to 5.0 percent, down from 5.1 in January. The national rate for February (announced on March 8) was 5.5 percent, down from 5.8 in January.

"I am encouraged by the steady long-term improvement, since the high of 9.6 percent unemployment in July of 1991," Nordberg said. "This is our lowest rate in six years."

Beginning with January 1996, monthly labor force estimates for the eleven large states, including Massachusetts, are based on the time series modeling approach currently used by all other states. Historical data for 1978 through 1995 has also been revised.

"This new model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the unemployment insurance (UI) system," Nordberg said. "At 3,028,200, the number of employed Massachusetts residents is at its highest level since August 1990."

He added that there are now 179,500 more employed residents than there were during the December 1991 low point.

Nordberg also noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (CES) in February showed an estimated total of 3,006,400 jobs -- 48,100 more than in February of 1995. The monthly job increase from January to February of 6,300 was due to a rebound in retail trade of 2,400, and an increase of 3,100 in construction -- the largest monthly increase in this sector in nearly two years. (See reverse side.)

NOTE: The March unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on April 19, as will the March survey of jobs. The February local area unemployment statistics will be released on March 26, and the March local statistics will be released on April 23.

The above information is now available on the Commonwealth's Internet Home Page under "What's New" at: <http://www.magnet.state.ma.us>.

Additional labor market information is available at: <http://www.magnet.state.ma.us/det/lmi.htm>.

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
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Massachusetts

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<u>Industry</u>	February 96 Current Month	January 96 Prior Month	February 95 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,006,400	3,000,100	2,958,300	6,300	48,100	0.2%	1.6%
Construction	93,400	90,300	88,700	3,100	4,700	3.4%	5.3%
Manufacturing	447,000	446,300	446,600	700	400	0.2%	0.1%
Durables	278,900	278,200	276,600	700	2,300	0.3%	0.8%
Nondurables	168,100	168,100	170,000	0	(1,900)	0.0%	-1.1%
Transportation, Util.	128,500	128,700	127,500	(200)	1,000	-0.2%	0.8%
Trade	691,800	688,900	684,700	2,900	7,100	0.4%	1.0%
Wholesale	167,100	166,600	164,100	500	3,000	0.3%	1.8%
Retail	524,700	522,300	520,600	2,400	4,100	0.5%	0.8%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	203,100	202,600	204,500	500	(1,400)	0.2%	-0.7%
Services	1,045,600	1,044,000	1,012,700	1,600	32,900	0.2%	3.2%
Total Private	2,610,900	2,602,200	2,566,000	8,700	44,900	0.3%	1.7%
Government	395,500	397,900	392,300	(2,400)	3,200	-0.6%	0.8%
*High Tech Mfg.	162,400	162,400	162,900	0	(500)	0.0%	-0.3%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	111,500	111,200	106,700	300	4,800	0.3%	4.5%

*These are DET estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.
Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1995 Benchmark

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1995 - 1996 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted				
Working Age Population	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate
				National Rate

Seasonally Adjusted				
Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate

1996						
January	4,703,000	3,160,400	2,976,700	183,600	5.8	6.3
February	4,703,900	3,159,200	2,982,800	176,400	5.6	6.0
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Source: Mass Department of Employment & Training; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 4.8 PERCENT IN MARCH

Deputy Commissioner Richard T. Sullivan of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for March dropped to 4.8 percent, from 5.0 in February. The national rate for March (announced on April 5) was 5.6 percent, up from 5.5 in February.

"We are at the lowest rate in six years," Sullivan said. "Unemployment has not been this low since December 1989, when it was 4.7 percent."

The new unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the unemployment insurance (UI) system.

At 3,029,400, the number of employed Massachusetts residents is at its highest level since August 1990. There are now 180,700 more employed residents than there were during the December 1991 low point.

Sullivan also noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (CES) in March showed an estimated total of 3,012,200 jobs -- 46,600 more than in March of 1995. The monthly job increase from February to March of 4,800 was concentrated in the services sector, as it was nationally. (See reverse side.)

Beginning with January 1996, monthly labor force estimates for the eleven large states, including Massachusetts, are based on the time series modeling approach currently used by all other states. Historical data for 1978 through 1995 has also been revised.

NOTE: The March local area unemployment statistics will be released on Tuesday, April 23. The April unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on May 17, as will the April survey of jobs. The local area unemployment statistics will be released on May 21.

The above information is now available on the Commonwealth's Internet Home Page under "What's New" at :<http://www.magnet.state.ma.us>.

Additional labor market information is available at:<http://www.magnet.state.ma.us/det/lmi.htm>.

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)
Massachusetts

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Industry	March 96 Current Month	February 96 Prior Month	March 95 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,012,200	3,007,400	2,965,600	4,800	46,600	0.2%	1.6%
Construction	92,000	93,100	89,100	(1,100)	2,900	-1.2%	3.3%
Manufacturing	444,700	446,200	446,000	(1,500)	(1,300)	-0.3%	-0.3%
Durables	277,400	278,000	276,000	(600)	1,400	-0.2%	0.5%
Nondurables	167,300	168,200	170,000	(900)	(2,700)	-0.5%	-1.6%
Transportation, Util.	128,700	128,400	127,500	300	1,200	0.2%	0.9%
Trade	694,300	693,400	686,200	900	8,100	0.1%	1.2%
Wholesale	167,100	166,800	164,200	300	2,900	0.2%	1.8%
Retail	527,200	526,600	522,000	600	5,200	0.1%	1.0%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	203,700	203,300	204,300	400	(600)	0.2%	-0.3%
Services	1,050,900	1,045,900	1,018,800	5,000	32,100	0.5%	3.2%
Total Private	2,615,800	2,611,800	2,573,200	4,000	42,600	0.2%	1.7%
Government	396,400	395,600	392,400	800	4,000	0.2%	1.0%
*High Tech Mfg.	161,100	161,600	162,700	(500)	(1,600)	-0.3%	-1.0%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	111,600	111,500	108,100	100	3,500	0.1%	3.2%

*These are DET estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.
Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1995 Benchmark

A monthly survey of approximately 10,000 Massachusetts employers, designed to produce preliminary employment estimates for the State and its major labor market areas. The survey counts the total number of payroll jobs in nonagricultural establishments by place of work.

Source: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.)

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 4.9 PERCENT IN APRIL

Deputy Commissioner Richard T. Sullivan of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for April rose slightly to 4.9 percent, from 4.8 in March. The national rate for April (announced on May 3) was 5.4 percent, down from 5.6 in March.

"Our four-month average is 5.0 percent," Sullivan said. "This is an indication of stability in the Massachusetts economy."

The new unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The data shows 3,028,500 employed Massachusetts residents, the highest level since August 1990. There are now 179,800 more people working than there were during the December 1991 low point.

Sullivan also noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (CES) in April showed an estimated total of 3,007,700 jobs -- 42,900 more than in April of 1995. Despite over-the-month job gains in the construction, wholesale trade, and finance, insurance and real estate sectors, the state recorded a loss of 3,400 total nonagricultural jobs from March to April. (See page 2.)

NOTE: The April local area unemployment statistics will be released on Tuesday, May 21. The May unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on June 21, as will the May survey of jobs. The local area unemployment statistics for May will be released on June 25.

The above information is now available on the Commonwealth's Internet Home Page under "What's New" at: <http://www.magnet.state.ma.us>. Additional labor market information is available at: <http://www.magnet.state.ma.us/det/lmi.htm>.

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)
Massachusetts

To be released
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<u>Industry</u>	<u>April 96</u> <u>Current Month</u>	<u>March 96</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>April 95</u> <u>Year Ago</u>	<u>Net Change</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change</u> <u>Year Ago</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>Year Ago</u>
Nonagricultural	3,007,700	3,011,100	2,964,800	(3,400)	42,900	-0.1%	1.4%
Construction	92,800	92,000	90,500	800	2,300	0.9%	2.5%
Manufacturing	443,700	444,800	445,000	(1,100)	(1,300)	-0.2%	-0.3%
Durables	277,300	277,600	275,500	(300)	1,800	-0.1%	0.7%
Nondurables	166,400	167,200	169,500	(800)	(3,100)	-0.5%	-1.8%
Transportation, Util.	126,800 **	128,600	126,900	(1,800)	(100)	-1.4%	-0.1%
Trade	693,600	693,900	686,500	(300)	7,100	-0.0%	1.0%
Wholesale	168,900	167,900	164,300	1,000	4,600	0.6%	2.8%
Retail	524,700	526,000	522,200	(1,300)	2,500	-0.2%	0.5%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	203,700	203,400	204,300	300	(600)	0.1%	-0.3%
Services	1,050,400	1,050,700	1,016,700	(300)	33,700	-0.0%	3.3%
Total Private	2,612,500	2,614,900	2,571,200	(2,400)	41,300	-0.1%	1.6%
Government	395,200	396,200	393,600	(1,000)	1,600	-0.3%	0.4%
*High Tech Mfg.	161,100	161,200	161,600	(100)	(500)	-0.1%	-0.3%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	111,500	111,700	108,800	(200)	2,700	-0.2%	2.5%

* These are DET estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

** Labor Dispute

Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1995 Benchmark

A monthly survey of approximately 10,000 Massachusetts employers, designed to produce preliminary employment estimates for the State and its major labor market areas. The survey counts the total number of payroll jobs in nonagricultural establishments by place of work.

Source: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.)

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JOBS GAIN IN MAY; UNEMPLOYMENT STAYS AT 4.9 PERCENT

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in May showed an estimated total of 3,016,400 jobs -- 8,700 more than in April and 53,300 more than in May of 1995. The May jobs gain was concentrated mosly in the retail trade (+5,200) and services (+3,300) industry sectors. (See page 2.)

Nordberg also announced that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for May remained at 4.9 percent, the same as it was in April. The national rate for May (announced on June 7) was 5.6 percent, up from 5.4 in April.

"Our five-month average is 4.9 percent," Nordberg said. "This places us 0.7 percentage point lower than the nation, both on a current and year-to-date basis."

The new unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The data shows 3,188,400 people in the labor force, the highest level since March 1991. There are now 184,800 more people working than there were during the December 1991 low point.

NOTE: The May local area unemployment statistics will be released on Tuesday, June 25. The June unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on July 19, as will the June jobs survey. The local area unemployment statistics for June will be released on July 23.

The above information is now available on the Commonwealth's Internet Home Page under "What's New" at: <http://www.magnet.state.ma.us>. Additional labor market information is available at: <http://www.magnet.state.ma.us/det/lmi.htm>.

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)
Massachusetts

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<u>Industry</u>	<u>May 96</u> <u>Current Month</u>	<u>April 96</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>May 95</u> <u>Year Ago</u>	<u>Net Change</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change</u> <u>Year Ago</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>Year Ago</u>
Nonagricultural	3,016,400	3,007,700	2,963,100	8,700	53,300	0.3%	1.8%
Construction	92,900	92,600	89,900	300	3,000	0.3%	3.3%
Manufacturing	443,000	443,400	443,400	(400)	(400)	-0.1%	-0.1%
Durables	276,600	276,900	274,100	(300)	2,500	-0.1%	0.9%
Nondurables	166,400	166,500	169,300	(100)	(2,900)	-0.1%	-1.7%
Transportation, Util.	128,400 **	126,900 **	127,200	1,500	1,200	1.2%	0.9%
Trade	698,700	693,700	686,700	5,000	12,000	0.7%	1.7%
Wholesale	168,800	169,000	164,300	(200)	4,500	-0.1%	2.7%
Retail	529,900	524,700	522,400	5,200	7,500	1.0%	1.4%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	203,600	203,700	204,500	(100)	(900)	-0.0%	-0.4%
Services	1,054,000	1,050,700	1,016,700	3,300	37,300	0.3%	3.7%
Total Private	2,622,000	2,612,500	2,569,700	9,500	52,300	0.4%	2.0%
Government	394,400	395,200	393,400	(800)	1,000	-0.2%	0.3%
*High Tech Mfg.	160,900	160,900	160,800	0	100	0.0%	0.1%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	112,300	111,500	109,400	800	2,900	0.7%	2.7%

*These are DET estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

** Labor Dispute

Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1995 Benchmark

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Source: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.)

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA AND NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

1995 - 1996 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data
(unemployment rates in percent)

Seasonally Unadjusted				
Working Age Population	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate
National Rate				

1995

January	4,678,000	3,142,100	2,945,200	196,900	6.3	6.2
February	4,679,000	3,139,100	2,946,800	192,300	6.1	5.9
March	4,680,000	3,146,500	2,962,800	183,600	5.8	5.7
April	4,682,000	3,131,000	2,966,200	164,800	5.3	5.6
May	4,683,000	3,139,400	2,983,700	155,700	5.0	5.5
June	4,685,000	3,211,500	3,034,600	176,900	5.5	5.8
July	4,687,000	3,225,200	3,048,000	177,300	5.5	5.9
August	4,690,000	3,215,600	3,048,100	167,600	5.2	5.6
September	4,693,000	3,151,300	2,985,000	166,300	5.3	5.4
October	4,696,000	3,170,300	3,016,700	153,600	4.8	5.2
November	4,699,000	3,175,000	3,021,100	153,900	4.8	5.3
December	4,701,000	3,163,100	3,012,800	150,300	4.8	5.2
Annual	4,686,000	3,187,500	2,997,600	189,900	5.4	5.6

1996

January	4,703,000	3,160,400	2,976,700	183,600	5.8	6.3
February	4,703,900	3,160,400	2,983,300	177,100	5.6	6.0
March	4,706,000	3,166,900	2,995,500	171,400	5.4	5.8
April	4,708,900	3,153,200	3,001,300	152,000	4.8	5.4
May	4,711,000	3,165,400	3,024,400	141,000	4.5	5.4
June						
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Seasonally Adjusted				
Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate

3,166,700	2,990,800	175,900	5.6	5.7
3,166,800	2,992,700	174,100	5.5	5.4
3,160,200	2,994,900	165,300	5.2	5.5
3,164,600	2,994,400	170,100	5.4	5.7
3,162,200	2,992,900	169,200	5.4	5.6
3,165,200	2,994,400	170,800	5.4	5.6
3,168,300	2,997,400	170,900	5.4	5.7
3,168,200	2,998,100	170,100	5.4	5.6
3,167,900	2,998,900	169,000	5.3	5.6
3,173,700	3,004,900	168,800	5.3	5.5
3,174,100	3,006,500	167,600	5.3	5.6
3,170,900	3,004,400	166,500	5.2	5.6
3,187,500	2,997,600	189,900	5.4	5.6

3,184,500	3,022,100	162,400	5.1	5.8
3,187,700	3,028,800	158,900	5.0	5.5
3,182,300	3,028,800	153,500	4.8	5.6
3,186,200	3,028,500	157,700	4.9	5.4
3,188,400	3,033,500	154,900	4.9	5.6

Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.
Source: Mass Department of Employment & Training; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
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JOBS GAIN IN JUNE; UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 4.8 PERCENT

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in June showed an estimated total of 3,021,900 jobs, the highest level in over six years. The survey shows 5,300 more jobs than in May and 53,100 more than in June of 1995. (See page 2.)

Nordberg also announced that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for June dropped slightly to 4.8 percent, down from 4.9 in May. The national rate for June (announced on July 5) was 5.3 percent, down from 5.6 in May.

"Unemployment has remained under 5.0 percent for four consecutive months and is 0.6 percentage point lower than the 5.4 percent rate one year ago, June of 1995," Nordberg said.

The new unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The CPS data shows 3,035,600 employed Massachusetts residents, 186,900 more than there were during the December 1991 low point.

NOTE: The July unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on August 16, as will the July survey of jobs. The local area unemployment statistics for June will be released on July 23.

The above information is now available on the Commonwealth's Internet Home Page under "What's New" at :<http://www.magnet.state.ma.us>. Additional labor market information is available at:<http://www.magnet.state.ma.us/det/lmi.htm>.

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
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Massachusetts

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Industry	June 96 Current Month	May 96 Prior Month	June 95 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,021,900	3,016,600	2,968,800	5,300	53,100	0.2%	1.8%
Construction	93,600	93,000	90,700	600	2,900	0.6%	3.2%
Manufacturing	444,000	443,500	443,400	500	600	0.1%	0.1%
Durables	277,700	276,800	274,600	900	3,100	0.3%	1.1%
Nondurables	166,300	166,700	168,800	(400)	(2,500)	-0.2%	-1.5%
Transportation, Util.	127,600 **	128,100 **	127,100	(500)	500	-0.4%	0.4%
Trade	701,100	698,700	689,400	2,400	11,700	0.3%	1.7%
Wholesale	168,900	168,900	165,000	0	3,900	0.0%	2.4%
Retail	532,200	529,800	524,400	2,400	7,800	0.5%	1.5%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	204,100	203,600	204,400	500	(300)	0.2%	-0.1%
Services	1,054,900	1,053,800	1,019,100	1,100	35,800	0.1%	3.5%
Total Private	2,626,700	2,622,100	2,575,400	4,600	51,300	0.2%	2.0%
Government	395,200	394,500	393,400	700	1,800	0.2%	0.5%
*High Tech Mfg.	161,000	160,900	161,800	100	(800)	0.1%	-0.5%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	114,000	112,400	111,100	1,600	2,900	1.4%	2.6%

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** Labor Dispute

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JOBS GAIN IN JULY; UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 4.5 PERCENT

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in July showed an estimated total of 3,022,900 jobs, the highest level since March 1990. The survey shows 2,300 more jobs than in June and 40,300 more than in July of 1995. (See page 2.)

Nordberg also announced that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for July dropped three-tenths of one percent to 4.5, down from 4.8 in June, the lowest state rate since 4.4 in September 1989. The national rate for July (announced on August 2) was 5.4 percent, up from 5.3 in June.

"Unemployment has remained under 5.0 percent for five consecutive months and is nearly one percentage point lower than the 5.4 percent rate one year ago, July of 1995," Nordberg said.

The new unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted CPS data shows a labor force of 3,174,700, with 3,033,100 employed Massachusetts residents and 141,600 unemployed in July.

NOTE: The August unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on September 20, as will the August survey of jobs. The local area unemployment statistics for July will be released on August 20.

The above information is now available on the Commonwealth's Internet Home Page under "What's New" at: <http://www.magnet.state.ma.us>. Additional labor market information is available at: <http://www.magnet.state.ma.us/det/lmi.htm>.

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)
Massachusetts

To be released
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Industry	July 96 Current Month	June 96 Prior Month	July 95 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,022,900	3,020,600	2,982,600	2,300	40,300	0.1%	1.4%
Construction	93,000	93,600	91,200	(600)	1,800	-0.6%	2.0%
Manufacturing	444,100	444,000	446,000	100	(1,900)	0.0%	-0.4%
Durables	276,600	277,400	275,800	(800)	800	-0.3%	0.3%
Nondurables	167,500	166,600	170,200	900	(2,700)	0.5%	-1.6%
Transportation, Util.	127,500 **	127,400 **	128,000	100	(500)	0.1%	-0.4%
Trade	701,500	699,600	694,900	1,900	6,600	0.3%	0.9%
Wholesale	168,400	168,500	165,500	(100)	2,900	-0.1%	1.8%
Retail	533,100	531,100	529,400	2,000	3,700	0.4%	0.7%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	204,900	204,100	204,300	800	600	0.4%	0.3%
Services	1,057,300	1,055,200	1,024,100	2,100	33,200	0.2%	3.2%
Total Private	2,629,600	2,625,300	2,589,800	4,300	39,800	0.2%	1.5%
Government	393,300	395,300	392,800	(2,000)	500	-0.5%	0.1%
*High Tech Mfg.	159,600	161,000	160,700	(1,400)	(1,100)	-0.9%	-0.7%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	114,300	114,000	111,700	300	2,600	0.3%	2.3%

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MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA AND NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

1995 - 1996 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data
(unemployment rates in percent)

Working Age Population	Seasonally Unadjusted				National Rate
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	

1995

January	4,678,000	3,142,100	2,945,200	196,900	6.3	6.2
February	4,679,000	3,139,100	2,946,800	192,300	6.1	5.9
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April	4,682,000	3,131,000	2,966,200	164,800	5.3	5.6
May	4,683,000	3,139,400	2,983,700	155,700	5.0	5.5
June	4,685,000	3,221,500	3,034,600	176,900	5.5	5.8
July	4,687,000	3,225,200	3,048,000	177,300	5.5	5.9
August	4,690,000	3,215,600	3,048,100	167,600	5.2	5.6
September	4,693,000	3,151,300	2,985,000	166,300	5.3	5.4
October	4,696,000	3,170,300	3,016,700	153,600	4.8	5.2
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December	4,701,000	3,163,100	3,012,800	150,300	4.8	5.2
Annual	4,686,000	3,167,500	2,997,800	169,800	5.4	5.6

1996

January	4,703,000	3,160,400	2,976,700	183,600	5.8	6.3
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March	4,706,000	3,166,900	2,995,500	171,400	5.4	5.8
April	4,708,900	3,153,200	3,001,300	152,000	4.8	5.4
May	4,711,000	3,166,300	3,024,600	141,700	4.5	5.4
June	4,714,000	3,232,400	3,074,400	158,000	4.9	5.5
July	4,716,000	3,232,200	3,084,600	147,600	4.6	5.6
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Labor Force	Seasonally Adjusted				National Rate
	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate		

January	3,166,700	2,990,800	175,900	5.6	5.7
February	3,166,800	2,992,700	174,100	5.5	5.4
March	3,160,200	2,994,900	165,300	5.2	5.5
April	3,164,600	2,994,400	170,100	5.4	5.7
May	3,162,200	2,992,900	169,200	5.4	5.6
June	3,165,200	2,994,400	170,800	5.4	5.6
July	3,168,300	2,997,400	170,900	5.4	5.7
August	3,168,200	2,998,100	170,100	5.4	5.6
September	3,167,900	2,998,900	169,000	5.3	5.6
October	3,173,700	3,004,900	168,800	5.3	5.5
November	3,174,100	3,006,500	167,600	5.3	5.6
December	3,170,900	3,004,400	166,500	5.2	5.6
Annual	3,167,500	2,997,800	169,800	5.4	5.6

January	3,184,500	3,022,100	162,400	5.1	5.8
February	3,187,700	3,028,800	158,900	5.0	5.5
March	3,182,300	3,028,800	153,500	4.8	5.6
April	3,186,200	3,028,500	157,700	4.9	5.4
May	3,189,300	3,033,800	155,500	4.9	5.6
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Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

Source: Mass Division of Employment & Training; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics
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**UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 4.0 PERCENT IN AUGUST;
JOBS CONTINUE TO GAIN**

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Deputy Director Nils L. Nordberg of the Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for August dropped to 4.0 percent, down from 4.5 in July, the lowest state rate since 3.9 percent in June of 1989. The national rate for August (announced on September 6) was 5.1 percent, down from 5.4 in July.

Nordberg also announced that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in August showed an estimated total of 3,027,000 jobs, the highest level since March 1990. The survey shows 1,600 more jobs than in July, and 41,700 more than in August of 1995. (See page 2.)

"Unemployment has averaged 4.7 percent for the first eight months of 1996, and is 1.4 percentage points lower than the 5.4 percent rate one year ago, August of 1995," Nordberg said.

The new unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted CPS data shows a labor force of 3,164,400, with 3,038,300 employed Massachusetts residents and 126,100 unemployed in August.

NOTE: The September unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on October 18, as will the September survey of jobs. The local area unemployment statistics for August will be released on September 24; local September rates will be released on October 22.

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(Seasonally Adjusted)
Massachusetts

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9:00AM on 9/20/96

Industry	August 96 Current Month	July 96 Prior Month	August 95 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,027,000	3,025,400	2,985,300	1,600	41,700	0.1%	1.4%
Construction	93,200	93,200	91,300	0	1,900	0.0%	2.1%
Manufacturing	443,100	444,200	445,200	(1,100)	(2,100)	-0.2%	-0.5%
Durables	276,700	276,400	276,400	300	300	0.1%	0.1%
Nondurables	166,400	167,800	168,800	(1,400)	(2,400)	-0.8%	-1.4%
Transportation, Util.	126,900 **	127,500 **	128,800	(600)	(1,900)	-0.5%	-1.5%
Trade	704,200	703,000	693,400	1,200	10,800	0.2%	1.6%
Wholesale	169,000	168,400	165,300	600	3,700	0.4%	2.2%
Retail	535,200	534,600	528,100	600	7,100	0.1%	1.3%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	205,100	204,900	204,800	200	300	0.1%	0.1%
Services	1,060,200	1,057,800	1,027,400	2,400	32,800	0.2%	3.2%
Total Private	2,634,000	2,631,900	2,592,200	2,100	41,800	0.1%	1.6%
Government	393,000	393,500	393,100	(500)	(100)	-0.1%	-0.0%
*High Tech Mfg.	159,500	159,600	161,600	(100)	(2,100)	-0.1%	-1.3%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	114,600	114,300	112,100	300	2,500	0.3%	2.2%

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June	4,714,000	3,232,400	3,074,400	158,000	4.9	5.5
July	4,716,000	3,233,900	3,085,900	148,000	4.6	5.6
August	4,718,900	3,213,700	3,090,000	123,800	3.9	5.1
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	Labor Force	Seasonally Adjusted			National Rate
		Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	

	3,166,700	2,990,900	175,900	5.6	5.7
	3,166,800	2,992,700	174,100	5.5	5.4
	3,160,200	2,994,900	165,300	5.2	5.5
	3,164,600	2,994,400	170,100	5.4	5.7
	3,162,200	2,992,900	169,200	5.4	5.6
	3,165,200	2,994,400	170,800	5.4	5.6
	3,168,300	2,997,400	170,900	5.4	5.7
	3,168,200	2,998,100	170,100	5.4	5.6
	3,167,900	2,998,900	169,000	5.3	5.6
	3,173,700	3,004,900	168,800	5.3	5.5
	3,174,100	3,006,500	167,600	5.3	5.6
	3,170,900	3,004,400	166,500	5.2	5.6
	3,167,500	2,997,800	169,900	5.4	5.6

	3,184,500	3,022,100	162,400	5.1	5.8
	3,187,700	3,028,800	158,900	5.0	5.5
	3,182,300	3,028,800	153,500	4.8	5.6
	3,186,200	3,028,500	157,700	4.9	5.4
	3,189,300	3,033,800	155,500	4.9	5.6
	3,187,100	3,034,900	152,200	4.8	5.3
	3,176,400	3,034,400	142,000	4.5	5.4
	3,164,400	3,038,300	126,100	4.0	5.1

Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

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UNEMPLOYMENT EDGES UP TO 4.2 PERCENT; JOBS GROWTH CONTINUES

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for September rose slightly to 4.2 percent, up from 4.0 in August, but below July's 4.5. The national rate for September (announced on October 4) was 5.2 percent, up from 5.1 in August.

Nordberg also announced that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in September showed an estimated total of 3,030,900 jobs, the highest level since March 1990. The survey shows 2,000 more jobs than in August and 40,100 more than in September of 1995. (See page 2.)

"Unemployment has averaged 4.2 percent for the last three months, and is considerably lower than the 5.3 rate a year ago, September of 1995," Nordberg said.

The new unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted CPS data shows a labor force of 3,175,000, with 3,041,800 employed Massachusetts residents and 133,200 unemployed in September.

NOTE: The October unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on November 15, as will the October survey of jobs. The local area unemployment statistics for September will be released on Tuesday, October 22, and will be available on the Internet and on the D.E.T. Bulletin Board.

D.E.T.'s Home Page address on the Internet is: <http://www.magnet.state.us/det>.

If you do not have access to the Internet but have a modem, you may receive labor market information and local area unemployment statistics by calling the D.E.T. Bulletin Board, 617-626-1655.

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)
Massachusetts

to be released
9:00AM on 10/18/96

<u>Industry</u>	<u>September 96</u> <u>Current Month</u>	<u>August 96</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>September 95</u> <u>Year Ago</u>	<u>Net Change</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change</u> <u>Year Ago</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>Year Ago</u>
Nonagricultural	3,030,900	3,028,900	2,990,800	2,000	40,100	0.1%	1.3%
Construction	93,100	93,300	90,500	(200)	2,600	-0.2%	2.9%
Manufacturing	441,400	442,900	444,300	(1,500)	(2,900)	-0.3%	-0.7%
Durables	274,600	276,400	275,800	(1,800)	(1,200)	-0.7%	-0.4%
Nondurables	166,800	166,500	168,500	300	(1,700)	0.2%	-1.0%
Transportation, Util.	128,300 **	127,200 **	127,900	1,100	400	0.9%	0.3%
Trade	700,100	705,700	691,900	(5,600)	8,200	-0.8%	1.2%
Wholesale	168,500	169,000	165,500	(500)	3,000	-0.3%	1.8%
Retail	531,600	536,700	526,400	(5,100)	5,200	-1.0%	1.0%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	204,800	205,000	204,700	(200)	100	-0.1%	0.0%
Services	1,062,700	1,060,400	1,032,400	2,300	30,300	0.2%	2.9%
Total Private	2,631,800	2,635,800	2,593,000	(4,000)	38,800	-0.2%	1.5%
Government	399,100	393,100	397,800	6,000	1,300	1.5%	0.3%
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September	4,723,100	3,167,500	3,026,600	130,900	4.1	5.0
October						
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Seasonally Adjusted				
Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate

3,166,700	2,990,800	175,900	5.6	5.7
3,166,800	2,992,700	174,100	5.5	5.4
3,160,200	2,994,900	165,300	5.2	5.5
3,164,600	2,994,400	170,100	5.4	5.7
3,162,200	2,992,900	169,200	5.4	5.6
3,165,200	2,994,400	170,800	5.4	5.6
3,168,300	2,997,400	170,900	5.4	5.7
3,168,200	2,998,100	170,100	5.4	5.6
3,167,900	2,998,900	169,000	5.3	5.6
3,173,700	3,004,900	168,800	5.3	5.5
3,174,100	3,006,500	167,600	5.3	5.6
3,170,900	3,004,400	166,500	5.2	5.6
3,167,500	2,997,600	169,900	5.4	5.8

3,184,500	3,022,100	162,400	5.1	5.8
3,187,700	3,028,800	158,900	5.0	5.5
3,182,300	3,028,800	153,500	4.8	5.6
3,186,200	3,028,500	157,700	4.9	5.4
3,189,300	3,033,800	155,500	4.9	5.6
3,187,100	3,034,900	152,200	4.8	5.3
3,176,400	3,034,400	142,000	4.5	5.4
3,166,000	3,039,300	126,800	4.0	5.1
3,175,000	3,041,800	133,200	4.2	5.2

Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

Source: Mass Division of Employment & Training, US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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MASS. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 4.1 PERCENT IN OCTOBER

Richard T. Sullivan, Associate Director of the Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.), announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for October was 4.1 percent, down from 4.2 in September. The national rate for October (announced on November 1) was 5.2 percent, as it was in September.

Sullivan also announced that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in October showed an estimated total of 3,030,500 jobs, down slightly from the revised September total of 3,032,300. The survey shows 36,400 more jobs than in October of 1995, and 1,800 fewer jobs than in September of 1996. (See page 2.)

"Unemployment has averaged 4.1 percent for the last three months, and is considerably lower than the 5.3 rate a year ago, October of 1995," Sullivan said.

The new unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted CPS data shows a labor force of 3,175,700, with 3,047,000 employed Massachusetts residents and 128,700 unemployed in October.

NOTE: The local area unemployment statistics for October will be released next Tuesday, November 19. The November unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on December 20, as will the November survey of jobs and the November local area unemployment statistics.

D.E.T.'s Home Page address on the Internet is: <http://www.magnet.state.us/det>.

If you do not have access to the Internet but have a personal computer and modem, you may receive labor market information and local area unemployment statistics by calling the D.E.T. Bulletin Board, 617.727.1655.

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)
Massachusetts

To be released
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<u>Industry</u>	<u>October 96</u> <u>Current Month</u>	<u>September 96</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>October 95</u> <u>Year Ago</u>	<u>Net Change</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change</u> <u>Year Ago</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>Year Ago</u>
Nonagricultural	3,030,500	3,032,300	2,994,100	(1,800)	36,400	-0.1%	1.2%
Construction	93,000	93,300	90,700	(300)	2,300	-0.3%	2.5%
Manufacturing	440,800	440,900	445,600	(100)	(4,800)	-0.0%	-1.1%
Durables	274,700	274,500	277,200	200	(2,500)	0.1%	-0.9%
Nondurables	166,100	166,400	168,400	(300)	(2,300)	-0.2%	-1.4%
Transportation, Util.	128,100	128,100 **	129,700	0	(1,600)	0.0%	-1.2%
Trade	700,200	701,200	690,900	(1,000)	9,300	-0.1%	1.3%
Wholesale	168,400	169,000	166,000	(600)	2,400	-0.4%	1.4%
Retail	531,800	532,200	524,900	(400)	6,900	-0.1%	1.3%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	205,500	204,800	204,300	700	1,200	0.3%	0.6%
Services	1,064,200	1,062,900	1,035,200	1,300	29,000	0.1%	2.8%
Total Private	2,633,100	2,632,600	2,597,700	500	35,400	0.0%	1.4%
Government	397,400	399,700	396,400	(2,300)	1,000	-0.6%	0.3%
*High Tech Mfg.	158,400	158,200	162,500	200	(4,100)	0.1%	-2.5%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	113,400	113,500	110,900	(100)	2,500	-0.1%	2.3%

*These are DET estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

** Labor Dispute

Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1995 Benchmark

A monthly survey of approximately 11,000 Massachusetts employers, designed to produce preliminary employment estimates for the State and its major labor market areas. The survey counts the total number of payroll jobs in nonagricultural establishments by place of work.

Source: Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.)

1995 - 1996 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data (unemployment rates in percent)

	Seasonally Unadjusted						Seasonally Adjusted					
	Working Age Population	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate	
1995												
January	4,678,000	3,142,100	2,945,200	196,900	6.3	6.2	3,166,700	2,990,800	175,900	5.6	5.7	
February	4,679,000	3,139,100	2,946,800	192,300	6.1	5.9	3,166,800	2,992,700	174,100	5.5	5.4	
March	4,680,000	3,146,500	2,962,800	183,600	5.8	5.7	3,160,200	2,994,900	165,300	5.2	5.5	
April	4,682,000	3,131,000	2,966,200	164,800	5.3	5.6	3,164,600	2,994,400	170,100	5.4	5.7	
May	4,683,000	3,139,400	2,983,700	155,700	5.0	5.5	3,162,200	2,992,900	169,200	5.4	5.6	
June	4,685,000	3,211,500	3,034,600	176,900	5.5	5.8	3,165,200	2,994,400	170,800	5.4	5.6	
July	4,687,000	3,225,200	3,048,000	177,300	5.5	5.9	3,168,300	2,997,400	170,900	5.4	5.7	
August	4,690,000	3,215,600	3,048,100	167,600	5.2	5.6	3,168,200	2,998,100	170,100	5.4	5.6	
September	4,693,000	3,151,300	2,985,000	166,300	5.3	5.4	3,167,900	2,998,900	169,000	5.3	5.6	
October	4,696,000	3,170,300	3,016,700	153,600	4.8	5.2	3,173,700	3,004,900	168,800	5.3	5.5	
November	4,699,000	3,175,000	3,021,100	153,900	4.8	5.3	3,174,100	3,006,500	167,600	5.3	5.6	
December	4,701,000	3,163,100	3,012,800	150,300	4.8	5.2	3,170,900	3,004,400	166,500	5.2	5.6	
Annual	4,688,000	3,167,500	2,997,600	169,900	5.4	5.8	3,167,500	2,997,600	169,900	5.4	5.8	
1996												
January	4,703,000	3,160,400	2,976,700	183,600	5.8	6.3	3,184,500	3,022,100	162,400	5.1	5.8	
February	4,703,900	3,160,400	2,983,300	177,100	5.6	6.0	3,187,700	3,028,800	158,900	5.0	5.5	
March	4,706,000	3,166,900	2,995,500	171,400	5.4	5.8	3,182,300	3,028,800	153,500	4.8	5.6	
April	4,708,900	3,153,200	3,001,300	152,000	4.8	5.4	3,186,200	3,028,500	157,700	4.9	5.4	
May	4,711,000	3,166,300	3,024,600	141,700	4.5	5.4	3,189,300	3,033,600	155,500	4.9	5.6	
June	4,714,000	3,232,400	3,074,400	158,000	4.9	5.5	3,187,100	3,034,900	152,200	4.8	5.3	
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August	4,718,900	3,215,300	3,090,900	124,400	3.9	5.1	3,166,000	3,039,300	126,800	4.0	5.1	
September	4,723,100	3,158,800	3,027,300	131,500	4.2	5.0	3,176,300	3,042,500	133,700	4.2	5.2	
October	4,726,000	3,170,600	3,056,200	114,500	3.6	4.9	3,175,700	3,047,000	128,700	4.1	5.2	
November												
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Annual												

Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

Source: Mass Division of Employment & Training; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
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MASS. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 3.9 PERCENT IN NOVEMBER

Nils L. Nordberg, Deputy Director of the Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.), announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for November was 3.9 percent, down from 4.1 in October. The national rate for November (announced on December 6) was 5.4 percent, up from 5.2 in October.

Nordberg also announced that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in November showed an estimated total of 3,037,100 jobs, up from the revised October total of 3,031,100. The survey shows 39,200 more jobs than in November of 1995, and 6,000 more jobs than in October of 1996. (See page 2.)

"This is the first time since June of 1989 that the unemployment rate has been under 4 percent, as we continue to have steady job growth," Nordberg said. "Massachusetts is the only one of the eleven large states with a rate under 4 percent."

The new unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted CPS data shows a labor force of 3,177,1700, with 3,051,900 employed Massachusetts residents and 125,200 unemployed in November.

NOTE: The December unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be announced on Friday, January 28, 1997, as will the November survey of jobs. Local area unemployment statistics (LAUS) will be released on Tuesday, January 28--due to benchmarking.

D.E.T.'s Home Page address on the Internet is: <http://www.magnet.state.us/det>.

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)
Massachusetts

To be released
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Industry	November 96 Current Month	October 96 Prior Month	November 95 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,037,100	3,031,100	2,997,900	6,000	39,200	0.2%	1.3%
Construction	93,400	93,200	90,700	200	2,700	0.2%	3.0%
Manufacturing	441,100	440,800	446,100	300	(5,000)	0.1%	-1.1%
Durables	275,100	274,700	278,000	400	(2,900)	0.1%	-1.0%
Nondurables	166,000	166,100	168,100	(100)	(2,100)	-0.1%	-1.2%
Transportation, Util.	129,400	129,000	129,900	400	(500)	0.3%	-0.4%
Trade	701,800	700,000	693,100	1,800	8,700	0.3%	1.3%
Wholesale	168,400	168,400	166,100	0	2,300	0.0%	1.4%
Retail	533,400	531,600	527,000	1,800	6,400	0.3%	1.2%
Finance, ins., R.E.	205,900	205,500	203,600	400	2,300	0.2%	1.1%
Services	1,065,900	1,063,900	1,037,300	2,000	28,600	0.2%	2.8%
Total Private	2,638,800	2,633,700	2,602,000	5,100	36,800	0.2%	1.4%
Government	398,300	397,400	395,900	900	2,400	0.2%	0.6%
*High Tech Mfg.	158,300	158,500	162,400	(200)	(4,100)	-0.1%	-2.5%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	113,700	113,500	111,500	200	2,200	0.2%	2.0%

*These are DET estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

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Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1995 Benchmark

A monthly survey of approximately 11,000 Massachusetts employers, designed to produce preliminary employment estimates for the State and its major labor market areas. The survey counts the total number of payroll jobs in nonagricultural establishments by place of work.

Source: Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.)

1995 - 1996 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data (unemployment rates in percent)

	Seasonally Unadjusted							Seasonally Adjusted				
	Working Age Population	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate		Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate
1995												
January	4,678,000	3,142,100	2,945,200	196,900	6.3	6.2		3,166,700	2,990,800	175,900	5.6	5.7
February	4,679,000	3,139,100	2,946,800	192,300	6.1	5.9		3,166,800	2,992,700	174,100	5.5	5.4
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April	4,682,000	3,131,000	2,966,200	164,800	5.3	5.6		3,164,600	2,994,400	170,100	5.4	5.7
May	4,683,000	3,139,400	2,983,700	155,700	5.0	5.5		3,162,200	2,992,900	169,200	5.4	5.6
June	4,685,000	3,211,500	3,034,600	176,900	5.5	5.8		3,165,200	2,994,400	170,800	5.4	5.6
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December	4,701,000	3,163,100	3,012,800	150,300	4.8	5.2		3,170,900	3,004,400	166,500	5.2	5.6
Annual	4,688,000	3,167,500	2,997,600	169,900	5.4	5.8		3,167,500	2,997,600	169,900	5.4	5.8
1996												
January	4,703,000	3,160,400	2,976,700	183,600	5.8	6.3		3,184,500	3,022,100	162,400	5.1	5.8
February	4,703,900	3,160,400	2,983,300	177,100	5.6	6.0		3,187,700	3,028,800	158,900	5.0	5.5
March	4,706,000	3,166,900	2,995,500	171,400	5.4	5.8		3,182,300	3,028,800	153,500	4.8	5.6
April	4,708,900	3,153,200	3,001,300	152,000	4.8	5.4		3,186,200	3,028,500	157,700	4.9	5.4
May	4,711,000	3,166,300	3,024,600	141,700	4.5	5.4		3,189,300	3,033,800	155,500	4.9	5.6
June	4,714,000	3,232,400	3,074,400	158,000	4.9	5.5		3,187,100	3,034,900	152,200	4.8	5.3
July	4,716,000	3,233,900	3,085,900	148,000	4.6	5.6		3,176,400	3,034,400	142,000	4.5	5.4
August	4,718,900	3,215,300	3,090,900	124,400	3.9	5.1		3,166,000	3,039,300	126,800	4.0	5.1
September	4,723,100	3,158,800	3,027,300	131,500	4.2	5.0		3,176,300	3,042,500	133,700	4.2	5.2
October	4,726,000	3,171,500	3,056,500	115,100	3.6	4.9		3,176,600	3,047,300	129,200	4.1	5.2
November	4,729,000	3,176,200	3,064,100	112,100	3.5	5.0		3,177,100	3,051,900	125,200	3.9	5.4
December												
Annual												

Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

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MASS. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 3.7 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY

Deputy Director Nils L. Nordberg of the Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for February was 3.7 percent, down from January's revised 4.1 percent. The national rate for February (announced on March 7) was 5.3 percent, down from 5.4 in January.

Nordberg also announced that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in February showed an estimated total of 3,074,700 jobs, 3,300 more than in January of 1997, and 64,400 more than one year ago in February of 1996. (See page 2.)

"February's unemployment rate of 3.7 is 1.1 percent lower than it was last February, and at its lowest point in nearly eight years--when in April of 1989 it was 3.6 percent," Nordberg said.

Angelo Buonopane, Director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "The February jobs estimate of 3,074,700 shows a growth of 289,400 jobs since the December 1991 low point, and is at its highest level since September of 1989."

The new unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted CPS data shows a labor force of 3,212,500, with 3,092,200 employed Massachusetts residents and 120,3000 unemployed in February. (See page 3.)

NOTE: The March unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on April 18, as will the March survey of jobs. The local area unemployment statistics for February will be released on Tuesday, March 25, and will be available on the Internet and on the D.E.T. Bulletin Board.

D.E.T.'s Home Page address on the Internet is: <http://www.magnet.state.us/det>. If you do not have access to the Internet but have a modem, you may receive labor market information and local area unemployment statistics by calling the D.E.T. Bulletin Board, 617.626.1655.

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)
Massachusetts

To be released
9:00AM on 3/21/97

Industry	February 97 Current Month	January 97 Prior Month	February 96 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,074,700	3,071,400	3,010,300	3,300	64,400	0.1%	2.1%
Construction	98,300	97,200	92,400	1,100	5,900	1.1%	6.4%
Manufacturing	444,700	445,000	446,400	(300)	(1,700)	-0.1%	-0.4%
Durables	276,000	276,200	277,100	(200)	(1,100)	-0.1%	-0.4%
Nondurables	168,700	168,800	169,300	(100)	(600)	-0.1%	-0.4%
Transportation, Util.	131,800	131,300	128,700	500	3,100	0.4%	2.4%
Trade	701,700	705,000	689,600	(3,300)	12,100	-0.5%	1.8%
Wholesale	170,400	169,900	166,500	500	3,900	0.3%	2.3%
Retail	531,300	535,100	523,100	(3,800)	8,200	-0.7%	1.6%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	212,900	211,900	205,700	1,000	7,200	0.5%	3.5%
Services	1,083,400	1,078,600	1,048,200	4,800	35,200	0.4%	3.4%
Total Private	2,674,000	2,670,300	2,612,200	3,700	61,800	0.1%	2.4%
Government	400,700	401,100	398,100	(400)	2,600	-0.1%	0.7%
*High Tech Mfg.	159,600	159,900	160,400	(300)	(800)	-0.2%	-0.5%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	125,600	124,700	117,100	900	8,500	0.7%	7.3%

*These are DET estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1996 Benchmark

A monthly survey of approximately 11,000 Massachusetts employers, designed to produce preliminary employment estimates for the State and its major labor market areas. The survey counts the total number of payroll jobs in nonagricultural establishments by place of work.

Source: Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.)

1996 - 1997 by Month

(unemployment rates in percent)

Seasonally Adjusted				
Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate

3,174,000	3,018,700	155,200	4.9	5.7
3,180,900	3,029,600	151,300	4.8	5.5
3,180,800	3,034,200	146,600	4.6	5.5
3,184,000	3,037,800	146,200	4.6	5.5
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Source: Mass Division of Employment & Training; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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MASS. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MARCH AT 3.9 PERCENT

Deputy Director Nils L. Nordberg of the Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for March was 3.9 percent, up slightly from February's revised 3.8 percent. The national rate for March (announced on April 4) was 5.2 percent, down from 5.3 in February.

Nordberg also announced that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in March showed an estimated 6,900 jobs gain over the month, and a gain of 68,200 more jobs than one year ago in March of 1996. (See page 2.)

"Our average unemployment rate for the first quarter of 1997 was 3.9 percent, considerably lower than the U.S. average for the last three months of 5.3 percent," Nordberg said.

Angelo Buonopane, Director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "The March resident employment level shows a slight decrease over the month, but we have a gain of 54,900 since March of 1996, and 240,300 more people working since the December 1991 low point."

The unemployment rate model now uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted CPS data shows a labor force of 3,215,400, with 3,089,100 employed Massachusetts residents and 126,300 unemployed in March. (See Page 3.)

NOTE: The April unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on May 16, as will the April survey of jobs. The local area unemployment statistics for March will be released on Tuesday, April 22, and will be available on the Internet and on the D.E.T. Bulletin Board.

D.E.T.'s Home Page address on the Internet is: <http://www.magnet.state.us/det>.

If you do not have access to the Internet but have a modem, you may receive labor market information and local area unemployment statistics by calling the D.E.T. Bulletin Board, 617.626.1655.

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)
Massachusetts

To be released
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Industry	March 97 Current Month	February 97 Prior Month	March 96 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,082,600	3,075,700	3,014,400	6,900	68,200	0.2%	2.3%
Construction	98,300	98,300	93,000	0	5,300	0.0%	5.7%
Manufacturing	445,700	445,100	445,400	600	300	0.1%	0.1%
Durables	276,900	276,200	277,000	700	(100)	0.3%	-0.0%
Nondurables	168,800	168,900	168,400	(100)	400	-0.1%	0.2%
Transportation, Util.	131,900	131,900	128,800	0	3,100	0.0%	2.4%
Trade	701,900	702,500	690,500	(600)	11,400	-0.1%	1.7%
Wholesale	171,200	170,600	166,700	600	4,500	0.4%	2.7%
Retail	530,700	531,900	523,800	(1,200)	6,900	-0.2%	1.3%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	214,000	213,000	206,100	1,000	7,900	0.5%	3.8%
Services	1,088,300	1,083,100	1,050,100	5,200	38,200	0.5%	3.6%
Total Private	2,681,400	2,675,100	2,615,100	6,300	66,300	0.2%	2.5%
Government	401,200	400,600	399,300	600	1,900	0.1%	0.5%
*High Tech Mfg.	160,400	159,700	160,500	700	(100)	0.4%	-0.1%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	126,100	125,500	117,600	600	8,500	0.5%	7.2%

*These are DET estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1996 Benchmark

A monthly survey of approximately 11,000 Massachusetts employers, designed to produce preliminary employment estimates for the State and its major labor market areas. The survey counts the total number of payroll jobs in nonagricultural establishments by place of work.

Source: Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.)

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA AND NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

1996 - 1997 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data
(unemployment rates in percent)

Seasonally Unadjusted				
Working Age Population	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate

1996

January	4,715,000	3,147,900	2,971,000	176,900	5.6	6.3
February	4,716,000	3,151,900	2,982,300	169,600	5.4	6.0
March	4,718,000	3,163,200	3,000,100	163,100	5.2	5.8
April	4,720,000	3,149,900	3,008,600	141,300	4.5	5.4
May	4,722,000	3,167,400	3,038,600	128,800	4.1	5.4
June	4,724,000	3,235,900	3,092,100	143,800	4.4	5.5
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August	4,729,000	3,233,500	3,111,000	122,500	3.8	5.1
September	4,732,000	3,179,700	3,051,300	128,400	4.0	5.0
October	4,735,000	3,198,200	3,084,800	113,400	3.5	4.9
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December	4,739,000	3,195,900	3,083,900	112,000	3.5	5.0
Annual	4,728,000	3,189,100	3,051,800	137,300	4.3	5.4

1997

January	4,741,000	3,189,000	3,036,400	152,600	4.8	5.9
February	4,741,000	3,182,600	3,043,100	139,500	4.4	5.7
March	4,742,000	3,197,500	3,055,100	142,400	4.5	5.5
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Seasonally Adjusted				
Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate

3,174,000	3,018,700	155,200	4.9	5.7
3,180,900	3,029,600	151,300	4.8	5.5
3,180,800	3,034,200	146,600	4.6	5.5
3,184,000	3,037,800	146,200	4.6	5.5
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3,200,600	3,075,200	125,400	3.9	5.3
3,189,100	3,051,800	137,300	4.3	5.4

3,216,600	3,085,800	130,900	4.1	5.4
3,213,800	3,092,600	121,200	3.8	5.3
3,215,400	3,089,100	126,300	3.9	5.2

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Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

Source: Mass Division of Employment & Training; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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MASS. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR APRIL AT 4.1 PERCENT

Deputy Director Nils L. Nordberg of the Division of Employment (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for April was 4.1 percent, up slightly from March's revised 4.0 percent. The national rate for April (announced on May 2) was 4.9 percent, down from 5.2 in March.

Nordberg also announced that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in April showed an estimated 8,500 jobs gain over the month, and a gain of 74,600 more jobs than one year ago in April of 1996. (Page 2.)

"Our year-to-date average unemployment rate for 1997 is 4.0 percent, considerable lower than the U.S. average for the last four months of 5.2 percent," Nordberg said.

Angelo Buonopane, director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "The April resident employment level of 3,101,900 has reached its highest point ever--with a gain of 64,100 since April of 1996, and 253,100 more people working since the December 1991 low point."

The unemployment rate model now uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted CPS date shows a labor force of 3,233,900, and 132,000 unemployed Massachusetts residents in April (Page 3.)

NOTE: The May unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on June 20, as will the May survey of jobs. The local area unemployment statistics for April will be released on Tuesday, May 20.

D.E.T.'s Home Page address on the Internet is: <http://www.magnet.state.us/det>.

If you do not have access to the Internet but have a modem, you may receive labor market information and local area unemployment statistics by calling the D.E.T. Bulletin Board, 617.626.1655.

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*These are DET estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively. Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1996 Benchmark

April Unemployment (cont.) P. 2

1996 - 1997 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data
(unemployment rates in percent)

	Seasonally Unadjusted						Seasonally Adjusted					
	Working Age Population	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate	
1996												
January	4,715,000	3,147,900	2,971,000	176,900	5.6	6.3	3,174,000	3,018,700	155,200	4.9	5.7	
February	4,716,000	3,151,900	2,982,300	169,600	5.4	6.0	3,180,900	3,029,600	151,300	4.8	5.5	
March	4,718,000	3,163,200	3,000,100	163,100	5.2	5.8	3,180,800	3,034,200	146,600	4.6	5.5	
April	4,720,000	3,149,900	3,008,600	141,300	4.5	5.4	3,184,000	3,037,800	146,200	4.6	5.5	
May	4,722,000	3,167,400	3,038,600	128,800	4.1	5.4	3,188,500	3,046,300	142,200	4.5	5.5	
June	4,724,000	3,235,900	3,092,100	143,800	4.4	5.5	3,187,900	3,050,400	137,500	4.3	5.3	
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Annual	4,728,000	3,189,100	3,051,800	137,300	4.3	5.4	3,189,100	3,061,800	127,300	4.3	5.4	
1997												
January	4,741,000	3,189,000	3,038,400	150,600	4.8	5.9	3,216,600	3,085,800	130,900	4.1	5.4	
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Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

Source: Mass Division of Employment & Training; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
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617.626.6657**MASS. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MAY EDGES UP TO 4.2 PERCENT**

Deputy Director Nils L. Nordberg of the Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for May was 4.2 percent, up slightly from April's 4.1 percent. The national rate for May (announced on June 6) was 4.8 percent, down from 4.9 in April.

Nordberg also announced that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in May showed an estimated 11,700 jobs gain over the month, and a gain of 74,200 more jobs than one year ago in May of 1996. (See page 2.)

"Our year-to-date average unemployment rate for 1997 is 4.0 percent, considerably lower than the U.S. average for the last five months of 5.1 percent," Nordberg said.

Angelo Buonopane, Director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "The May resident employment level of 3,099,300 shows a gain of 61,500 since May of 1996, and 250,500 more people working since the December 1991 low point."

The unemployment rate model now uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted CPS data shows a labor force of 3,235,700, and 136,400 unemployed Massachusetts residents in May. (See page 3.)

NOTE: The June unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on July 18, as will the June survey of jobs. The local area unemployment statistics for May will be released on Tuesday, June 24.

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
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Massachusetts

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Industry	May 97 Current Month	April 97 Prior Month	May 96 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,102,400	3,090,700	3,028,200	11,700	74,200	0.4%	2.5%
Construction	99,700	98,400	94,500	1,300	5,200	1.3%	5.5%
Manufacturing	446,500	445,500	444,700	1,000	1,800	0.2%	0.4%
Durables	276,400	276,400	277,200	0	(800)	0.0%	-0.3%
Nondurables	170,100	169,100	167,500	1,000	2,600	0.6%	1.6%
Transportation, Util.	132,000	131,500	128,400 **	500	3,600	0.4%	2.8%
Trade	703,500	700,900	694,800	2,600	8,700	0.4%	1.3%
Wholesale	171,900	171,200	166,600	700	5,300	0.4%	3.2%
Retail	531,600	529,700	528,200	1,900	3,400	0.4%	0.6%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	215,000	214,000	206,900	1,000	8,100	0.5%	3.9%
Services	1,102,400	1,096,800	1,059,400	5,600	43,000	0.5%	4.1%
Total Private	2,700,400	2,688,300	2,629,900	12,100	70,500	0.5%	2.7%
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*High Tech Mfg.	160,300	160,200	160,600	100	(300)	0.1%	-0.2%
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Source: Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.)

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA AND NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

1996 - 1997 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data

(unemployment rates in percent)

Working Age Population	Seasonally Unadjusted				National Rate
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	

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Labor Force	Seasonally Adjusted				National Rate
	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate		

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3,217,000	3,089,700	127,300	4.0	5.2
3,234,100	3,101,400	132,700	4.1	4.9
3,235,700	3,099,300	136,400	4.2	4.8

Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

Source: Mass Division of Employment & Training; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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MASS. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JUNE DROPS TO 3.9 PERCENT

Deputy Director Nils L. Nordberg of the Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for June was 3.9 percent, down from the May rate of 4.2 percent. The national rate for June (released on July 3) was 5.0 percent, up from 4.8 in May.

Nordberg also announced that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in June showed an estimated 2,800 jobs gain over the month, and a gain of 72,600 more jobs than one year ago in June of 1996. (See page 2.)

"Our average unemployment rate for the last twelve months is 4.0 percent, ranging between 3.8 and 4.2 percent, compared to the U.S. average for the last year of 5.2 percent," Nordberg said.

Angelo Buonopane, Director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "The June resident employment level of 3,097,800 shows a gain of 47,400 since June of 1996, and 249,000 more people working than there were at the December 1991 low point."

The unemployment rate model now uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted CPS data shows a labor force of 3,224,900, and 127,100 unemployed Massachusetts residents in June. (See page 3.)

NOTE: The July unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on August 15, as will the July survey of jobs. The local area unemployment statistics for June will be released on Tuesday, July 22.

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Massachusetts

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Industry	June 97 Current Month	May 97 Prior Month	June 96 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,105,900	3,103,100	3,033,300	2,800	72,600	0.1%	2.4%
Construction	98,700	99,900	93,900	(1,200)	4,800	-1.2%	5.1%
Manufacturing	446,800	446,400	444,600	400	2,200	0.1%	0.5%
Durables	277,200	276,200	277,500	1,000	(300)	0.4%	-0.1%
Nondurables	169,600	170,200	167,100	(600)	2,500	-0.4%	1.5%
Transportation, Util.	132,400	132,000	128,600 **	400	3,800	0.3%	3.0%
Trade	706,300	703,600	696,400	2,700	9,900	0.4%	1.4%
Wholesale	172,200	171,900	167,100	300	5,100	0.2%	3.1%
Retail	534,100	531,700	529,300	2,400	4,800	0.5%	0.9%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	216,400	215,100	208,200	1,300	8,200	0.6%	3.9%
Services	1,101,700	1,102,700	1,061,600	(1,000)	40,100	-0.1%	3.8%
Total Private	2,703,500	2,701,000	2,634,500	2,500	69,000	0.1%	2.6%
Government	402,400	402,100	398,800	300	3,600	0.1%	0.9%
*High Tech Mfg.	161,400	160,100	161,600	1,300	(200)	0.8%	-0.1%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	129,700	127,800	121,200	1,900	8,500	1.5%	7.0%

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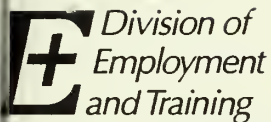
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Source: Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.)

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MASS. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JULY REMAINS STEADY AT 3.9 PERCENT

Associate Director Joan I. Branton of the Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for July was 3.9 percent, down slightly from the revised June rate of 4.0 percent. The national rate for July (released on August 1) was 4.8 percent, down from 5.0 in June.

Branton also announced that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in July showed an estimated 6,900 jobs gain over the month, and a gain of 70,300 more jobs than one year ago in July of 1996. (See page 2.)

"Our average unemployment rate for the last twelve months is 4.0 percent, ranging between 3.8 and 4.2 percent, compared to the U.S. average for the last year of 5.1 percent," Branton said.

Angelo Buonopane, Director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "The July resident employment level set a new high of 3,097,800, surpassing the previous record high of 3,101,400 in April of 1997--up 54,200 over the past year--a gain of 1.8 percent."

The unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted CPS data shows a labor force of 3,234,200, and 124,700 unemployed Massachusetts residents in July. (See page 3.)

NOTE: The August unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on September 19, as will the August survey of jobs. The local area unemployment statistics for July will be released on Tuesday, August 19.

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Nonagricultural	3,114,200	3,107,300	3,043,900	6,900	70,300	0.2%	2.3%
Construction	98,600	98,700	95,000	(100)	3,600	-0.1%	3.8%
Manufacturing	447,700	447,100	444,300	600	3,400	0.1%	0.8%
Durables	278,100	277,400	276,600	700	1,500	0.3%	0.5%
Nondurables	169,600	169,700	167,700	(100)	1,900	-0.1%	1.1%
Transportation, Util.	131,300	132,000	128,200 **	(700)	3,100	-0.5%	2.4%
Trade	710,300	707,300	700,800	3,000	9,500	0.4%	1.4%
Wholesale	172,900	172,500	166,900	400	6,000	0.2%	3.6%
Retail	537,400	534,800	533,900	2,600	3,500	0.5%	0.7%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	217,300	216,500	209,400	800	7,900	0.4%	3.8%
Services	1,105,600	1,102,000	1,065,100	3,600	40,500	0.3%	3.8%
Total Private	2,712,000	2,704,800	2,644,000	7,200	68,000	0.3%	2.6%
Government	402,200	402,500	399,900	(300)	2,300	-0.1%	0.6%
*High Tech Mfg.	161,000	161,400	160,300	(400)	700	-0.2%	0.4%
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Annual	4,726,000	3,189,100	3,051,800	137,300	4.3	5.4

1997

January	4,741,000	3,189,000	3,036,400	152,600	4.8	5.9
February	4,741,000	3,182,600	3,043,100	139,500	4.4	5.7
March	4,742,000	3,199,100	3,055,700	143,400	4.5	5.5
April	4,744,000	3,198,100	3,070,400	127,800	4.0	4.8
May	4,745,100	3,213,600	3,090,300	123,400	3.8	4.7
June	4,746,900	3,276,000	3,141,800	134,200	4.1	5.2
July	4,749,100	3,288,200	3,159,300	128,900	3.9	5.0
August						
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Seasonally Adjusted					National Rate
Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate		

3,174,000	3,018,700	155,200	4.9	5.7
3,180,900	3,029,600	151,300	4.8	5.5
3,180,800	3,034,200	146,600	4.6	5.5
3,184,000	3,037,800	146,200	4.6	5.5
3,188,500	3,046,300	142,200	4.5	5.5
3,187,900	3,050,400	137,500	4.3	5.3
3,186,700	3,055,300	131,500	4.1	5.4
3,187,200	3,058,900	128,300	4.0	5.2
3,193,700	3,063,600	130,000	4.1	5.2
3,200,400	3,072,700	127,700	4.0	5.2
3,202,500	3,076,700	125,700	3.9	5.3
3,200,600	3,075,200	125,400	3.9	5.3
3,189,100	3,061,800	137,300	4.3	5.4

3,216,600	3,085,800	130,900	4.1	5.4
3,213,800	3,092,600	121,200	3.8	5.3
3,217,000	3,089,700	127,300	4.0	5.2
3,234,100	3,101,400	132,700	4.1	4.9
3,236,600	3,099,600	137,000	4.2	4.8
3,226,300	3,098,500	127,800	4.0	5.0
3,234,200	3,109,500	124,700	3.9	4.8

Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

Source: Mass Division of Employment & Training; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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MASS. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR AUGUST RISES TO 4.3 PERCENT

Deputy Director Nils L. Nordberg of the Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for August rose slightly to 4.3 percent, up from the July rate of 3.9 percent. The national rate for August (released on September 5) was 4.9 percent, up from 4.8 in July.

Nordberg also announced that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in August showed an estimated 2,700 jobs gain over the month, and a gain of 67,400 more jobs than one year ago in August of 1996. (See page 2.)

"Our average unemployment rate both for the recent three-month period and for the year to date has remained at 4.0 percent," Nordberg said. "The U.S. unemployment rate average for the comparable January to August period is 5.0 percent."

Angelo Buonopane, Director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "The Massachusetts labor force increased by 9,000 in August, to a new high of 3,244,100, surpassing the previous record high of 3,238,200 set in July 1990."

The unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted CPS data shows a labor force of 3,244,100, 3,106,000 employed Massachusetts residents, and 138,100 unemployed in August. (See page 3.)

NOTE: The September unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on October 17, as will the September survey of jobs. The local area unemployment statistics for August will be released on Tuesday, September 23.

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Construction	99,100	98,900	95,200	200	3,900	0.2%	4.1%
Manufacturing	449,200	448,500	443,500	700	5,700	0.2%	1.3%
Durables	279,100	278,300	276,400	800	2,700	0.3%	1.0%
Nondurables	170,100	170,200	167,100	(100)	3,000	-0.1%	1.8%
Transportation, Util.	127,100 **	131,900	128,100 **	(4,800)	(1,000)	-3.6%	-0.8%
Trade	712,100	708,600	704,100	3,500	8,000	0.5%	1.1%
Wholesale	173,600	172,900	167,400	700	6,200	0.4%	3.7%
Retail	538,500	535,700	536,700	2,800	1,800	0.5%	0.3%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	218,200	217,400	210,100	800	8,100	0.4%	3.9%
Services	1,108,200	1,106,200	1,067,900	2,000	40,300	0.2%	3.8%
Total Private	2,715,100	2,712,700	2,650,100	2,400	65,000	0.1%	2.5%
Government	402,600	402,300	400,200	300	2,400	0.1%	0.6%
*High Tech Mfg.	161,600	161,100	160,400	500	1,200	0.3%	0.7%
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July	4,749,100	3,289,100	3,159,700	129,400	3.9	5.0
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January	3,174,000	3,018,700	155,200	4.9	5.7
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November	3,202,500	3,076,700	125,700	3.9	5.3
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MASS. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR SEPTEMBER DROPS TO 4.0 PERCENT

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Nordberg also announced that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in September showed an estimated 10,400 jobs gain over the month, and a gain of 69,100 more jobs than one year ago in September of 1996. (See page 2.)

"Our average unemployment rate for the year to date is 4.0 percent," Nordberg said. "The U.S. unemployment rate average for the comparable January through September period is 5.0 percent."

Angelo Buonopane, Director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "There are 9,000 fewer unemployed in Massachusetts than there were in August, and 6,900 more people working in September than in August." (See page 3.)

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May	4,745,100	3,213,600	3,090,300	123,400	3.8	4.7
June	4,746,900	3,276,000	3,141,800	134,200	4.1	5.2
July	4,749,100	3,289,100	3,159,700	129,400	3.9	5.0
August	4,751,100	3,291,100	3,158,600	132,500	4.0	4.8
September	4,754,000	3,228,200	3,100,200	128,000	4.0	4.7
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Labor Force	Seasonally Adjusted				National Rate
	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate		

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Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

Source: Mass Division of Employment & Training; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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MASS. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR OCTOBER DROPS TO 3.7 PERCENT

The Massachusetts unemployment rate for October dropped to 3.7 percent, down from the September rate of 4.0 percent, according to the Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.). The state rate is a full percentage point below the national rate for October of 4.7 percent.

"Last month the number of Massachusetts residents who were working --3,127,600--reached the highest level ever recorded," said Governor Paul Cellucci. "This record-breaking figure shows how far we have come in turning around the Commonwealth's economy over the last seven years."

Angelo Buonopane, Director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "These latest figures are especially good news for the working people of Massachusetts--with the lowest jobless rate in eight and one-half years, and the fewest number of unemployed since May of 1989."

The average unemployment rate for the year to date is 4.0 percent; while the U.S. unemployment rate average for the comparable January through October period is 5.0 percent. October's 3.7 percent is the lowest rate in Massachusetts since April of 1989.

D.E.T. also announced that the payroll survey of Massachusetts Jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in October showed an estimated 9,200 jobs gain over the month, and a gain of 75,000 more jobs than one year ago in October of 1996. (See page 3.)

The unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted CPS data shows a labor force of 3,248,500, 3,127,600 employed Massachusetts residents, and 120,900 unemployed in October. (See page 2.)

NOTE: November unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on Dec. 19, as will the November survey of jobs. The local area unemployment statistics for October will be released on Tues., Nov. 25. D.E.T.'s Home Page address on the Internet is: <http://www.magnet.state.ma.us/det>. You may also receive labor market information and local area unemployment statistics by calling the D.E.T. Bulletin Board, 617.626.1655.

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MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA AND NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

1996 - 1997 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data
(unemployment rates in percent)

1996

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Massachusetts

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Industry	October 97 Current Month	September 97 Prior Month	October 96 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,139,700	3,130,500	3,064,700	9,200	75,000	0.3%	2.4%
Construction	99,200	98,500	95,400	700	3,800	0.7%	4.0%
Manufacturing	448,100	448,500	443,000	(400)	5,100	-0.1%	1.2%
Durables	278,800	279,100	275,700	(300)	3,100	-0.1%	1.1%
Nondurables	169,300	169,400	167,300	(100)	2,000	-0.1%	1.2%
Transportation, Util.	133,600	132,000	132,100	1,600	1,500	1.2%	1.1%
Trade	715,500	713,000	703,700	2,500	11,800	0.4%	1.7%
Wholesale	175,900	174,400	167,700	1,500	8,200	0.9%	4.9%
Retail	539,600	538,600	536,000	1,000	3,600	0.2%	0.7%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	219,700	218,600	211,700	1,100	8,000	0.5%	3.8%
Services	1,116,800	1,111,700	1,075,300	5,100	41,500	0.5%	3.9%
Total Private	2,734,200	2,723,500	2,662,500	10,700	71,700	0.4%	2.7%
Government	405,500	407,000	402,200	(1,500)	3,300	-0.4%	0.8%
*High Tech Mfg.	161,700	161,500	159,900	200	1,800	0.1%	1.1%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	132,100	131,800	123,500	300	8,600	0.2%	7.0%

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MASS. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR NOVEMBER CONTINUES BELOW 4.0 PERCENT

The Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for November was 3.9 percent, up slightly from the October rate of 3.7 percent, but continuing to be well below the U.S. rate for November of 4.6 percent.

According to the Current Population Survey, the number of Massachusetts residents working in November reached 3,133,700, breaking all previous records for the second month in a row. A large number, 11,000, entered the labor force, which also reached another record high. (See page 2.)

Governor Paul Cellucci said, "These latest numbers show that Massachusetts continues to be a national leader in generating jobs."

D.E.T. also announced that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in November showed an estimated 8,200 jobs gain over the month, and a gain of 76,900 more jobs than one year ago in November of 1996. (See page 3.)

Angelo Buonopane, Director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "Our unemployment rate has remained consistently low for 18 months, averaging 4.0 percent. This is good news for working people as we approach the holidays."

The unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted CPS data shows a labor force of 3,261,100, the number of employed Massachusetts residents at 3,133,700, and 127,300 unemployed in November.

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Construction	100,700	99,400	95,900	1,300	4,800	1.3%	5.0%
Manufacturing	450,000	448,300	442,800	1,700	7,200	0.4%	1.6%
Durables	279,700	278,900	275,800	800	3,900	0.3%	1.4%
Nondurables	170,300	169,400	167,000	900	3,300	0.5%	2.0%
Transportation, Util.	131,900	132,800	131,600	(900)	300	-0.7%	0.2%
Trade	719,100	716,600	706,000	2,500	13,100	0.3%	1.9%
Wholesale	175,600	176,000	168,300	(400)	7,300	-0.2%	4.3%
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MASS. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR DECEMBER DROPS TO 3.8 PERCENT

The Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for December was 3.8 percent, down from the November rate of 3.9 percent, nearly a full percentage point under the U.S. rate for December of 4.7 percent.

Preliminary estimates for 1997 show Massachusetts with an annual average unemployment rate of 4.0 percent, down 0.3 from the 1996 average of 4.3 percent. The U.S. annual average rate for 1997 was 4.9 percent.

According to the labor force data, the number of Massachusetts residents working in December increased to another record high of 3,134,900, exceeding all previous records for the third consecutive month. The number of people working was a gain of 59,400 from one year ago. (See page 2.)

Governor Paul Cellucci said, "For the third month in a row, labor statistics show that our economy continues to provide record-breaking numbers of jobs for Massachusetts workers."

D.E.T. also announced that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in December showed an estimated 9,000 jobs gain over the month, reaching a record high of 3,158,600. The revised November jobs total of 3,149,600 surpassed the previous high of 3,149,100, set in December of 1988. Over the year, 82,700 jobs were created in Massachusetts, representing an annual growth rate of 2.7 percent. (See page 3.)

Angelo Buonopane, Director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "The jobs survey for December shows a gain of 7,500 manufacturing over one year ago, a 1.7 percent increase and the strongest December to December performance in thirteen years."

The unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted data shows a labor force of 3,260,000, the number of employed Massachusetts residents at 3,134,900, and 125,100 unemployed in December.

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September	4,732,000	3,179,700	3,051,300	128,400	4.0	5.0
October	4,735,000	3,198,200	3,084,800	113,400	3.5	4.9
November	4,737,000	3,205,200	3,092,600	112,600	3.5	5.0
December	4,739,000	3,195,900	3,083,900	112,000	3.5	5.0
Annual	4,726,000	3,189,100	3,051,800	137,300	4.3	5.4

1997

January	4,741,000	3,189,000	3,036,400	152,600	4.8	5.9
February	4,741,000	3,182,600	3,043,100	139,500	4.4	5.7
March	4,742,000	3,199,100	3,055,700	143,400	4.5	5.5
April	4,744,000	3,198,100	3,070,400	127,800	4.0	4.8
May	4,745,100	3,213,600	3,090,300	123,400	3.8	4.7
June	4,746,900	3,276,000	3,141,800	134,200	4.1	5.2
July	4,749,100	3,289,100	3,159,700	129,400	3.9	5.0
August	4,751,100	3,291,100	3,158,600	132,500	4.0	4.8
September	4,754,000	3,230,100	3,101,600	128,400	4.0	4.7
October	4,756,000	3,247,500	3,141,100	106,400	3.3	4.4
November	4,758,000	3,263,300	3,149,800	113,600	3.5	4.3
December	4,760,000	3,251,500	3,141,100	110,300	3.4	4.4
Annual						

Seasonally Adjusted				
Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate

3,174,000	3,018,700	155,200	4.9	5.7
3,180,900	3,029,600	151,300	4.8	5.5
3,180,800	3,034,200	146,600	4.6	5.5
3,184,000	3,037,800	146,200	4.6	5.5
3,188,500	3,046,300	142,200	4.5	5.5
3,187,900	3,050,400	137,500	4.3	5.3
3,186,700	3,055,300	131,500	4.1	5.5
3,187,200	3,058,900	128,300	4.0	5.2
3,193,700	3,063,600	130,000	4.1	5.2
3,200,400	3,072,700	127,700	4.0	5.3
3,202,500	3,076,700	125,700	3.9	5.4
3,200,600	3,075,200	125,400	3.9	5.3
3,189,100	3,051,800	137,300	4.3	5.4

3,216,600	3,085,800	130,900	4.1	5.3
3,213,800	3,092,600	121,200	3.8	5.3
3,217,000	3,089,700	127,300	4.0	5.2
3,234,100	3,101,400	132,700	4.1	5.0
3,236,600	3,099,600	137,000	4.2	4.8
3,226,300	3,098,500	127,800	4.0	5.0
3,235,100	3,110,000	125,200	3.9	4.9
3,244,500	3,105,800	138,800	4.3	4.9
3,244,400	3,114,100	130,300	4.0	4.9
3,250,000	3,128,500	121,400	3.7	4.8
3,262,100	3,134,100	127,900	3.9	4.6
3,260,000	3,134,900	125,100	3.8	4.7

Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

Source: Mass Division of Employment & Training, US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Industry	December 97 Current Month	November 97 Prior Month	December 96 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,158,600	3,149,600	3,075,900	9,000	82,700	0.3%	2.7%
Construction	102,200	100,800	97,000	1,400	5,200	1.4%	5.4%
Manufacturing	450,900	450,500	443,400	400	7,500	0.1%	1.7%
Durables	280,700	279,900	276,200	800	4,500	0.3%	1.6%
Nondurables	170,200	170,600	167,200	(400)	3,000	-0.2%	1.8%
Transportation, Util.	131,700	132,100	131,800	(400)	(100)	-0.3%	-0.1%
Trade	724,000	719,700	706,300	4,300	17,700	0.6%	2.5%
Wholesale	176,400	176,100	169,000	300	7,400	0.2%	4.4%
Retail	547,600	543,600	537,300	4,000	10,300	0.7%	1.9%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	220,800	220,600	213,100	200	7,700	0.1%	3.6%
Services	1,121,400	1,119,100	1,079,900	2,300	41,500	0.2%	3.8%
Total Private	2,752,300	2,744,100	2,672,800	8,200	79,500	0.3%	3.0%
Government	406,300	405,500	403,100	800	3,200	0.2%	0.8%
*High Tech Mfg.	163,100	162,600	160,100	500	3,000	0.3%	1.9%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	133,900	133,200	125,500	700	8,400	0.5%	6.7%

*These are DET estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1996 Benchmark

A monthly survey of approximately 11,000 Massachusetts employers, designed to produce preliminary employment estimates for the State and its major labor market areas. The survey counts the total number of payroll jobs in nonagricultural establishments by place of work.

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MASS. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JANUARY DROPS TO 3.6 PERCENT

The Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for January was 3.6 percent, down from the December rate of 3.8 percent, and more than a full percentage point under the U.S. rate for January of 4.7 percent.

Final annual average estimates for 1997 show Massachusetts with an annual average unemployment rate of 4.0 percent, down 0.3 from the 1996 average of 4.3 percent. The U.S. annual average rate for 1997 was 4.9 percent.

According to the labor force data, the number of Massachusetts residents working in January increased to a record high of 3,142,000, an increase of 11,700 from the revised December estimates. The number of people working was a gain of 39,200 from one year ago. (See page 2.)

Governor Paul Cellucci said, "The annual average data for 1997 show 91,800 more people in the Commonwealth working than in 1996--the highest one-year increase since 1984--more evidence that our economy is thriving."

D.E.T. also announced that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in January showed an estimated 4,600 jobs gain over the month, reaching another record high of 3,173,000. The revised November (3,157,600) and December (3,168,400) jobs totals surpassed the previous high of 3,149,100, set in December of 1988. Over the year, 91,300 jobs were created in Massachusetts, an annual growth rate of 3.0 percent. (See page 3.)

Angelo Buonopane, Director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "The jobs survey for January shows a gain of 10,200 manufacturing jobs over one year ago, a 2.3 percent increase, the strongest year to year performance since January of 1985."

The unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted data show a labor force of 3,257,900, the number of employed Massachusetts residents at 3,142,000, and 116,000 unemployed in January.

NOTE: The February unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on Fri., Mar. 20, 1998, as will the February survey of jobs. The local area unemployment statistics for January will be released on Tues., Mar. 3, 1998. D.E.T.'s Home Page address on the Internet is: <http://www.magnet.state.ma.us/det>. You may also receive labor market information and local area unemployment statistics by calling the D.E.T. Bulletin Board, 617.626.1655.

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1997 - 1998 by Month

(unemployment rates in percent)

Seasonally Adjusted				
Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate

3,233,600	3,102,800	130,900	4.0	5.3
3,242,200	3,111,700	130,500	4.0	5.3
3,253,400	3,121,500	131,900	4.1	5.2
3,261,700	3,126,300	135,500	4.2	5.0
3,266,900	3,132,500	134,400	4.1	4.8
3,267,700	3,135,100	132,600	4.1	5.0
3,269,700	3,138,400	131,400	4.0	4.9
3,271,200	3,138,300	132,900	4.1	4.9
3,269,100	3,138,000	131,200	4.0	4.9
3,268,500	3,141,200	127,300	3.9	4.8
3,263,200	3,136,800	126,400	3.9	4.6
3,254,500	3,130,300	124,300	3.8	4.7
3,260,200	3,129,400	130,800	4.0	4.9

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Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the household survey and the business survey (1990-2000). The model is based on the following equation:

Source: Mass Division of Employment & Training; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Industry	January 1998	December 1997	January 1997	Net Change	Net Change	% Change	% Change
	Current Month	Prior Month	Year Ago	Prior Month	Year Ago	Prior Month	Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,173,000	3,168,400	3,081,700	4,600	91,300	0.1%	3.0%
Construction	107,500	104,400	99,100	3,100	8,400	3.0%	8.5%
Manufacturing	455,100	452,900	444,900	2,200	10,200	0.5%	2.3%
Durables	285,200	283,400	276,800	1,800	8,400	0.6%	3.0%
Nondurables	169,900	169,500	168,100	400	1,800	0.2%	1.1%
Transportation, Util.	136,900	135,300	132,000	1,600	4,900	1.2%	3.7%
Trade	727,900	723,600	704,000	4,300	23,900	0.6%	3.4%
Wholesale	177,800	175,800	169,100	2,000	8,700	1.1%	5.1%
Retail	550,100	547,800	534,900	2,300	15,200	0.4%	2.8%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	216,200	215,700	212,000	500	4,200	0.2%	2.0%
Services	1,119,500	1,126,100	1,087,100	(6,600)	32,400	-0.6%	3.0%
Total Private	2,764,400	2,759,400	2,680,400	5,000	84,000	0.2%	3.1%
Government	408,600	409,000	401,300	(400)	7,300	-0.1%	1.8%
*High Tech Mfg.	166,500	165,900	160,900	600	5,600	0.4%	3.5%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	137,000	137,100	125,900	(100)	11,100	-0.1%	8.8%

*These are DET estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1997 Benchmark

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Depository Copy**MASS. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR FEBRUARY DROPS TO 3.3 PERCENT**

The Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for February was 3.3 percent, down from the January rate of 3.6 percent, and 13 percentage points under the U.S. rate for February of 4.6 percent.

According to the labor force data, the number of Massachusetts residents working in February reached another record high of 3,149,300, an increase of 7,500 from the revised January estimates. The number of people working was a gain of 37,600 from one year ago. (See page 2.)

Governor Paul Cellucci said, "We have nearly 38,000 more people working than one year ago and 30,000 more working than during the December 1991 low point--strong indicators that the economy in the Commonwealth continues to thrive."

D.E.T. also announced that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in February showed an estimated 12,200 jobs gain over the month, reaching another record high for the fourth consecutive month of 3,185,200. Over the year, 96,000 jobs were created in Massachusetts, an annual growth rate of 3.1 percent since February of 1997. (See page 3.)

Angelo Buonopane, Director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "The jobs survey for February shows a gain of 12,000 manufacturing jobs over one year ago, a 2.7 percent increase, the strongest year to year performance since December of 1984."

The unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted data show a labor force of 3,257,200, the number of employed Massachusetts residents at 3,149,300, and 107,900 unemployed in February.

NOTE: The local area unemployment statistics for February will be released on Tues., Mar. 24, 1998. The March unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on Fri., Apr. 17, 1998, as will the March survey of jobs.

D.E.T.'s Home Page address on the Internet is: <http://www.magnet.state.ma.us/det>. You may also receive labor market information and local area unemployment statistics by calling the D.E.T. Bulletin Board, 617.626.1655.

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1997 - 1998 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data

(unemployment rates in percent)

Seasonally Unadjusted					
Working Age Population	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate

January	4,719,000	3,208,500	3,056,000	152,600	4.8	5.9
February	4,719,000	3,211,900	3,065,800	146,200	4.6	5.7
March	4,719,000	3,236,100	3,088,400	147,800	4.6	5.5
April	4,721,000	3,231,400	3,099,500	131,900	4.1	4.8
May	4,722,000	3,248,700	3,125,800	122,900	3.8	4.7
June	4,724,000	3,316,000	3,177,800	138,200	4.2	5.2
July	4,725,000	3,323,700	3,188,900	134,800	4.1	5.0
August	4,728,000	3,318,100	3,187,900	130,200	3.9	4.8
September	4,731,000	3,253,100	3,123,200	129,900	4.0	4.7
October	4,734,000	3,263,100	3,151,800	111,300	3.4	4.4
November	4,736,000	3,265,800	3,152,300	113,600	3.5	4.3
December	4,737,000	3,246,100	3,136,000	110,100	3.4	4.4
Annual	4,726,000	3,260,200	3,129,400	130,800	4.0	4.9

4,726,000	3,260,200	3,129,400	130,800	4.0	4.9
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January	4,738,000	3,233,200	3,094,700	138,500	4.3	5.2
February	4,740,000	3,225,400	3,102,000	123,400	3.8	5.0
March						
April						
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October						
November						
December						
Annual						

Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

Source: Mass Division of Employment & Training; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

MASSACHUSETTS DATA SERIES FOR 1993-1997 REVISED AS OF FEBRUARY 27, 1998.

U.S. Data series for 1994-1997 revised as of January 9, 1998.

Seasonally Adjusted				
Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate

3,233,600	3,102,800	130,900	4.0	5.3
3,242,200	3,111,700	130,500	4.0	5.3
3,253,400	3,121,500	131,900	4.1	5.2
3,261,700	3,126,300	135,500	4.2	5.0
3,266,900	3,132,500	134,400	4.1	4.8
3,267,700	3,135,100	132,600	4.1	5.0
3,269,700	3,138,400	131,400	4.0	4.9
3,271,200	3,138,300	132,900	4.1	4.9
3,269,100	3,139,000	131,200	4.0	4.9
3,268,500	3,141,200	127,300	3.9	4.8
3,263,200	3,136,800	126,400	3.9	4.6
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3,260,200	3,129,400	130,800	4.0	4.9

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Industry	February 1998 Current Month	January 1998 Prior Month	February 1997 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,185,200	3,173,000	3,089,200	12,200	96,000	0.4%	3.1%
Construction	109,000	107,900	101,000	1,100	8,000	1.0%	7.9%
Manufacturing	457,000	455,800	445,000	1,200	12,000	0.3%	2.7%
Durables	286,300	285,500	276,800	800	9,500	0.3%	3.4%
Nondurables	170,700	170,300	168,200	400	2,500	0.2%	1.5%
Transportation, Util.	137,000	136,800	131,800	200	5,200	0.1%	3.9%
Trade	728,700	727,400	705,800	1,300	22,900	0.2%	3.2%
Wholesale	177,900	177,800	169,200	100	8,700	0.1%	5.1%
Retail	550,800	549,600	536,600	1,200	14,200	0.2%	2.6%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	216,000	215,900	212,400	100	3,600	0.0%	1.7%
Services	1,126,400	1,119,300	1,090,900	7,100	35,500	0.6%	3.3%
Total Private	2,775,400	2,764,500	2,688,200	10,900	87,200	0.4%	3.2%
Government	409,800	408,500	401,000	1,300	8,800	0.3%	2.2%
*High Tech Mfg.	167,300	166,700	160,900	600	6,400	0.4%	4.0%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	137,500	137,000	126,500	500	11,000	0.4%	8.7%

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Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1997 Benchmark

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MASS. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MARCH RISES TO 3.7 PERCENT

The Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for March rose slightly to 3.7 percent, up from the February rate of 3.3 percent, but still one full percentage point under the U.S. rate for March of 4.7 percent.

D.E.T. also announced that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs (Current Employment Statistics) in March showed an estimated 3,800 jobs gain over the month, reaching another record high for the fifth consecutive month of 3,189,300. Over the year, 90,200 jobs were created in Massachusetts, an annual growth rate of 2.9 percent since March of 1997. (See page 2.)

"Since last March, we have added more than 90,000 new jobs, including thousands of positions in business, engineering and high tech services," said Governor Paul Cellucci. "This most recent figure is a strong indication of our continuing economic expansion. Since the end of 1991, we have added more than 400,000 new jobs in the Commonwealth."

According to the labor force data in a separate survey, the number of Massachusetts residents working in March was 3,146,000, a decrease of 3,400 from the revised February estimates, but a gain of 24,500 from one year ago, March 1997. (See page 3.)

Angelo Buonopane, Director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "The labor force statistics for March show some fluctuations in the number of people working and the number unemployed, but the 3.7 unemployment rate is still the third lowest in the State for any month this decade."

The unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted data show a labor force of 3,267,000, the number of employed Massachusetts residents at 3,146,000, and 121,000 unemployed in March.

NOTE: The local area unemployment statistics for March will be released on Tues., Apr. 21, 1998.

The April unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on Fri., May 22, 1998, as will the April survey of jobs.

D.E.T.'s Home Page address on the Internet is: <http://www.magnet.state.ma.us/det>.

You may also receive labor market information and local area unemployment statistics by calling the D.E.T. Bulletin Board, 617.626.1655.

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Preliminary Monthly Job Estimates (CES-790)
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Massachusetts

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Industry	March 1998 Current Month	February 1998 Prior Month	March 1997 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,189,300	3,185,500	3,099,100	3,800	90,200	0.1%	2.9%
Construction	108,000	108,800	101,300	(800)	6,700	-0.7%	6.6%
Manufacturing	456,900	456,900	445,700	0	11,200	0.0%	2.5%
Durables	286,000	285,900	277,600	100	8,400	0.0%	3.0%
Nondurables	170,900	171,000	168,100	(100)	2,800	-0.1%	1.7%
Transportation, Util.	137,400	137,500	132,400	(100)	5,000	-0.1%	3.8%
Trade	728,300	729,400	709,300	(1,100)	19,000	-0.2%	2.7%
Wholesale	177,200	177,700	169,900	(500)	7,300	-0.3%	4.3%
Retail	551,100	551,700	539,400	(600)	11,700	-0.1%	2.2%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	216,500	216,100	212,300	400	4,200	0.2%	2.0%
Services	1,133,300	1,126,200	1,095,300	7,100	38,000	0.6%	3.5%
Total Private	2,781,800	2,776,200	2,697,500	5,600	84,300	0.2%	3.1%
Government	407,500	409,300	401,600	(1,800)	5,900	-0.4%	1.5%
*High Tech Mfg.	167,000	167,000	161,500	0	5,500	0.0%	3.4%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	138,900	137,500	128,000	1,400	10,900	1.0%	8.5%

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Source: Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.)

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA AND NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

1997 - 1998 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data
(unemployment rates in percent)

Seasonally Unadjusted						
Working Age Population	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate	
1997						
January	4,719,000	3,208,500	3,056,000	152,600	4.8	5.9
February	4,719,000	3,211,900	3,065,800	146,200	4.6	5.7
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November	4,736,000	3,265,800	3,152,300	113,600	3.5	4.3
December	4,737,000	3,246,100	3,136,000	110,100	3.4	4.4
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Seasonally Adjusted					
Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate	
1997					
3,233,600	3,102,800	130,900	4.0	5.3	
3,242,200	3,111,700	130,500	4.0	5.3	
3,253,400	3,121,500	131,900	4.1	5.2	
3,261,700	3,126,300	135,500	4.2	5.0	
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3,267,700	3,135,100	132,600	4.1	5.0	
3,269,700	3,138,400	131,400	4.0	4.9	
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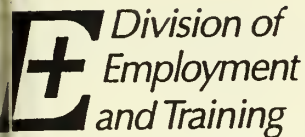
Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

Source: Mass Division of Employment & Training; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR APRIL DROPS TO 2.9; JOBS CONTINUE RECORD GROWTH

The Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for April dropped to a near record low of 2.9 percent in April. This jobless rate is the third lowest since similar systems collecting unemployment statistics began in the 1970's. In January 1970, the rate was 2.4 percent. In July 1987, the rate was 2.8 percent.

In addition, the number of Massachusetts residents working increased by 2,900 between March and April, matching a record high of 3,149,400 set in February 1998. The number of unemployed dropped 26,700 over the month and was a major contributor to the large drop in the unemployment rate. (See page 2.)

In a related development, recent Commerce Department data puts Massachusetts' 1997 per capita income at \$13,524—third highest in the country behind only Connecticut and New Jersey. Commenting on these labor force trends, Governor Cellucci said, "This is further evidence that we are not only creating lots of jobs in Massachusetts, but we're also creating lots of high paying jobs. In the past year we have seen a 5.8 percent growth in per capita income here in the Commonwealth." The increase is well above the national rate of 4.8 percent.

Despite the significant drop last month in the U.S. unemployment rate, which declined from 4.7 percent to 4.3 percent, the gap between the U.S. rate and the Massachusetts rate of 2.9 percent now stands at 1.4 percent.

Angelo Buonopane, Director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "Over the past three months, the Commonwealth's unemployment average of 3.3 percent compares favorably with the 4.1 rate for the same three months of last year, and is the lowest of any three-month period in nearly ten years."

For the sixth month in a row, jobs in Massachusetts reached a record-breaking high. At 3,197,600, April 1998 job levels are up 7,000 over the month and 98,600 since April 1997. The Massachusetts economy has gained jobs in each of the last twelve months and has added 412,300 net new jobs since the December 1991 low. (See page 3.)

Services accounted for most of the monthly job increase. Since April 1997, the services sector has added 41,300 jobs, representing 42 percent of all jobs created in Massachusetts over the year. Business services continue to be the major job generator, adding 17,700 jobs from one year ago, an annual growth rate of 8.0 percent.

The unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted data show a labor force of 3,244,600, the number of employed Massachusetts residents at 3,149,400, and 95,200 unemployed in April.

NOTE: The local area unemployment statistics for April will be released on Tues., May 26, 1998. The May unemployment rate and labor force data for Mass. will be released on Fri., June 19, 1998, as will the June survey of jobs. (See 2/5/98 Media Advisory, annual schedule, for complete listing of release dates.) Detailed labor market information and a host of employer and worker information is available at D.E.T.'s website: www.detma.org.

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MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA AND NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

1997 - 1998 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data
(unemployment rates in percent)

Seasonally Unadjusted				
Working Age Population	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	National Rate

Seasonally Adjusted				
Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate

1997

January	4,719,000	3,208,500	3,056,000	152,600	4.8	5.9
February	4,719,000	3,211,900	3,065,800	146,200	4.6	5.7
March	4,719,000	3,236,100	3,088,400	147,800	4.6	5.5
April	4,721,000	3,231,400	3,099,500	131,900	4.1	4.8
May	4,722,000	3,248,700	3,125,800	122,900	3.8	4.7
June	4,724,000	3,316,000	3,177,800	138,200	4.2	5.2
July	4,725,000	3,323,700	3,188,900	134,800	4.1	5.0
August	4,728,000	3,318,100	3,187,900	130,200	3.9	4.8
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February	4,740,000	3,226,500	3,102,200	124,400	3.9	5.0
March	4,741,000	3,249,300	3,111,900	137,400	4.2	5.0
April	4,743,000	3,213,000	3,121,100	91,900	2.9	4.1
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Annual						

3,233,600	3,102,800	130,900	4.0	5.3
3,242,200	3,111,700	130,500	4.0	5.3
3,253,400	3,121,500	131,900	4.1	5.2
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Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

Source: Mass Division of Employment & Training; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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(Seasonally Adjusted)
Massachusetts

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Industry	April 1998 Current Month	March 1998 Prior Month	April 1997 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,197,600	3,190,600	3,099,000	7,000	98,600	0.2%	3.2%
Construction	108,300	108,300	98,900	0	9,400	0.0%	9.5%
Manufacturing	454,800	456,300	446,500	(1,500)	8,300	-0.3%	1.9%
Durables	285,200	285,700	278,100	(500)	7,100	-0.2%	2.6%
Nondurables	169,600	170,600	168,400	(1,000)	1,200	-0.6%	0.7%
Transportation, Util.	138,800	137,600	133,200	1,200	5,600	0.9%	4.2%
Trade	728,900	729,200	705,000	(300)	23,900	-0.0%	3.4%
Wholesale	177,600	177,400	170,200	200	7,400	0.1%	4.3%
Retail	551,300	551,800	534,800	(500)	16,500	-0.1%	3.1%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	216,300	216,500	211,700	(200)	4,600	-0.1%	2.2%
Services	1,140,400	1,133,600	1,099,100	6,800	41,300	0.6%	3.8%
Total Private	2,788,900	2,782,900	2,695,700	6,000	93,200	0.2%	3.5%
Government	408,700	407,700	403,300	1,000	5,400	0.2%	1.3%
*High Tech Mfg.	166,500	166,800	161,200	(300)	5,300	-0.2%	3.3%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	139,700	138,900	128,900	800	10,800	0.6%	8.4%

*These are DET estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1997 Benchmark

A monthly survey of approximately 11,000 Massachusetts employers, designed to produce preliminary employment estimates for the State and its major labor market areas. The survey counts the total number of payroll jobs in nonagricultural establishments by place of work.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MAY RISES TO 3.6 PERCENT; JOBS CONTINUE RECORD GROWTH

The Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for May increased from a revised 3.0 percent in April to 3.6 percent in May. This current jobless rate is just below the 3.7 percent rate recorded two months ago for March 1998, and 0.5 percentage point below the 4.1 percent recorded one year ago in May 1997.

According to the payroll survey, however, the number of Massachusetts jobs grew by 10,100 in May--once again breaking all prior records by reaching 3.2 million for the first time ever. Commenting on the record job growth, Governor Paul Celluci said, "We have seen the number of jobs in the Commonwealth grow each and every month for more than a year now. In that time, we have added over 100,000 new jobs in the economy." At 3,206,800, the May job level is up 100,100 (3.2%) over the year since May 1997. (See page 2.)

Massachusetts' three-month average unemployment rate of 3.4 percent for the March 1998-May 1998 period is indicative of a strong economy, and is 0.7 percentage point below the 4.1 percent rate for the same three months of 1997.

Angelo Buonopane, Director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "With the economy heating this hot, the monthly unemployment rate tends to flicker. Therefore, the three-month average of 3.4 percent may be the steadiest indicator of the current state of our economy."

Services was a major contributor to the strong job growth in May, with a job gain of 7,200 over the month. The 7,200 job gain marked the fourth consecutive monthly increase of about 7,000, which represents an annualized growth rate of 7.8 percent, or twice the 3.9 percent annual growth rate over the year. The services sector has added 43,100 jobs during the past year, 43 percent of all jobs created in Massachusetts since May 1997. Business services and engineering and management services reported strong growth in May. Together, these two industries have added 14,000 jobs since one year ago--accounting for well more than half of the total growth in services.

The unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey, the Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted data show a labor force of 3,262,600, the number of employed Massachusetts residents at 3,143,800, and 118,700 unemployed in May. (See page 3.)

NOTE: The local area unemployment statistics for May will be released on Tuesday, June 23, 1998. The June unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, July 17, 1998, as will the June survey of jobs. (See 2/5/98 Media Advisory, annual schedule, for complete listing of release dates.)

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Preliminary Monthly Job Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)
Massachusetts

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Industry	May 1998 Current Month	April 1998 Prior Month	May 1997 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,206,800	3,196,700	3,106,700	10,100	100,100	0.3%	3.2%
Construction	107,700	108,200	98,400	(500)	9,300	-0.5%	9.5%
Manufacturing	453,800	454,500	447,000	(700)	6,800	-0.2%	1.5%
Durables	285,200	285,400	278,700	(200)	6,500	-0.1%	2.3%
Nondurables	168,600	169,100	168,300	(500)	300	-0.3%	0.2%
Transportation, Util.	137,900	138,600	133,500	(700)	4,400	-0.5%	3.3%
Trade	732,100	728,600	705,500	3,500	26,600	0.5%	3.8%
Wholesale	177,600	177,800	170,400	(200)	7,200	-0.1%	4.2%
Retail	554,500	550,800	535,100	3,700	19,400	0.7%	3.6%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	216,700	216,300	212,300	400	4,400	0.2%	2.1%
Services	1,147,500	1,140,300	1,104,400	7,200	43,100	0.6%	3.9%
Total Private	2,797,100	2,787,900	2,702,300	9,200	94,800	0.3%	3.5%
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MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA AND NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

1997 - 1998 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data
(unemployment rates in percent)

1997

	Seasonally Unadjusted					
	Working Age Population	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	
1997						
January	4,719,000	3,208,500	3,056,000	152,600	4.8	5.9
February	4,719,000	3,211,900	3,065,800	146,200	4.6	5.7
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April	4,743,000	3,213,000	3,120,500	92,600	2.9	4.1
May	4,744,000	3,245,000	3,137,600	107,400	3.3	4.2
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	Seasonally Adjusted					
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate	
1997						
January	3,233,600	3,102,800	130,900	4.0	5.3	
February	3,242,200	3,111,700	130,500	4.0	5.3	
March	3,253,400	3,121,500	131,900	4.1	5.2	
April	3,261,700	3,126,300	135,500	4.2	5.0	
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Source: Mass Division of Employment & Training: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JUNE DROPS TO 3.4 PERCENT

The Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for June dropped from a revised 3.7 percent in May to 3.4 percent in June. The U.S. unemployment rate rose to 4.5 percent in June, up from May's 4.3 percent.

In addition to the drop in the unemployment rate, the number of Massachusetts residents working rose to 3,144,800 in June, which is within 5,000 of the February 1988 record-breaking high of 3,149,400.

"The Massachusetts economic engine continues to fire on all cylinders," stated Governor Paul Celluci. "Over the past year we have added nearly 95,000 new jobs. Since the low point in 1991, more than 420,000 new jobs have been added to the state economy, for a total growth rate of 15.1 percent."

Angelo Buonopane, Director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "Last month, the number of unemployed dropped by 9,100. Today, we have 22,100 fewer unemployed than one year ago. Moreover, the Massachusetts unemployment rate is more than one full percentage point below the national rate."

The average unemployment rate in the state for the first half of 1998 is also 3.4 percent, compared to 4.1 percent for the first six months of 1997, a 0.7 percentage point drop.

For the month, smaller than expected seasonal increases caused the services sector to remain essentially unchanged. Over the past year, services has added nearly 40,000 jobs, a 3.6 percent annual growth rate, and accounted for 42 percent of total jobs gains. Business services and engineering and management services continue to be major contributors to over-the-year jobs growth, adding nearly 24,000 jobs. (See page 2.)

Finance, insurance and real estate (F.I.R.E.) added 700 jobs in June. Over the year, the F.I.R.E. industries have added nearly 5,000 jobs, a 2.3 percent annual growth rate.

The unemployment rate model uses a combination of data from the Current Population Survey, the Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) and the unemployment insurance (UI) system. The seasonally adjusted data show a labor force of 3,255,300, the number of employed Massachusetts residents at 3,144,800, and 110,500 unemployed in June. (See page 3.)

NOTE: The local area unemployment statistics for June will be released on Tuesday, July 21, 1998. The July unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, August 21, 1998, as will the July survey of jobs. (See 2/5/98 Media Advisory, annual schedule, for complete listing of release dates.)

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Massachusetts

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Industry	June 1998 Current Month	May 1998 Prior Month	June 1997 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,205,600	3,207,500	3,110,800	(1,900)	94,800	-0.1%	3.0%
Construction	107,500	107,800	98,300	(300)	9,200	-0.3%	9.4%
Manufacturing	452,600	453,300	447,700	(700)	4,900	-0.2%	1.1%
Durables	283,700	284,700	279,500	(1,000)	4,200	-0.4%	1.5%
Nondurables	168,900	168,600	168,200	300	700	0.2%	0.4%
Transportation, Util.	138,300	138,400	133,300	(100)	5,000	-0.1%	3.8%
Trade	729,700	732,100	705,600	(2,400)	24,100	-0.3%	3.4%
Wholesale	178,200	177,600	170,800	600	7,400	0.3%	4.3%
Retail	551,500	554,500	534,800	(3,000)	16,700	-0.5%	3.1%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	217,400	216,700	212,500	700	4,900	0.3%	2.3%
Services	1,147,100	1,148,000	1,107,200	(900)	39,900	-0.1%	3.6%
Total Private	2,794,000	2,797,700	2,705,900	(3,700)	88,100	-0.1%	3.3%
Government	411,600	409,800	404,900	1,800	6,700	0.4%	1.7%
*High Tech	310,300	307,600	296,000	2,700	14,300	0.9%	4.8%
*Manufacturing	167,200	166,300	163,600	900	3,600	0.5%	2.2%
*Nonmanufacturing	143,100	141,300	132,400	1,800	10,700	1.3%	8.1%

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MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA AND NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

1997 - 1998 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data
(unemployment rates in percent)

1997	Seasonally Unadjusted						Seasonally Adjusted					
	Working Age Population	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate	
January	4,719,000	3,208,500	3,056,000	152,600	4.8	5.9	3,233,600	3,102,800	130,900	4.0	5.3	
February	4,719,000	3,211,900	3,065,800	146,200	4.6	5.7	3,242,200	3,111,700	130,500	4.0	5.3	
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JULY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 3.1%; JOBS AND EMPLOYMENT HIT NEW RECORDS

The Division of Employment and Training (DET) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate dropped to 3.1 percent in July, down from June's 3.4 percent. The U.S. unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.5 percent for the month. The current Massachusetts unemployment rate of 3.1 percent is the second-lowest of the last ten years.

DET also announced that both the number of jobs in Massachusetts and the number of Bay State residents working broke all previous records in July. At 3,210,700, the July job level is up 3,200 from the previous record of 3,207,500 set in May 1998, and 89,400 over the year since July 1997. This is the largest July-to-July increase since 1987. The 3,152,800 Massachusetts residents working in July surpassed the previous high of 3,149,400 set in February 1998.

Commenting on these positive trends, Governor Paul Cellucci said, "Families across the Commonwealth are benefiting from these economic good times. Unemployment is at a near record-low, more people are working than ever before, and jobs are at an all-time high."

Angelo Buonopane, Director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "As we head into Labor Day, with an economy that has kept unemployment below 4.0 percent for the past ten months, Massachusetts working families can enjoy their holiday confident that they will be back on the job the following Tuesday." Buonopane also noted that between July 1997 and July 1998, the number of jobless Massachusetts residents had dropped by 23 percent, from 131,400 to 100,800.

Services led the way in job growth, gaining 3,800 jobs in July, to reach a new high of 1,150,900. Since July 1997, the services sector has added 44,300 jobs, a 4.0 percent annual growth rate. Business services and engineering and management services recorded over-the-year growth rates of 7.1 percent and 6.2 percent respectively.

Job growth occurred in Massachusetts last month in most industry sectors, including manufacturing, which bucked national downward trends and added 2,800 jobs to its June 1998 base of 452,300. Manufacturing jobs now stand at 455,100, nearly the same as the industry's recent peak of 456,900, reached in February 1998.

NOTE: The local area unemployment statistics for July will be released on Tuesday August 25, 1998. The August unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, September 18, 1998, as will the August survey of jobs. (See 2/5/98 Media Advisory, annual schedule, for complete listing of release dates.) Detailed labor market information is available at DET's website: www.detma.org.

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1997 - 1998 by Month

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(unemployment rates in percent)

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Working Age Population	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate

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3,261,700	3,126,300	135,500	4.2	5.0
3,266,900	3,132,500	134,400	4.1	4.8
3,267,700	3,135,100	132,600	4.1	5.0
3,269,700	3,138,400	131,400	4.0	4.9
3,271,200	3,138,300	132,900	4.1	4.9
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May	4,746,000	3,305,300	3,188,500	116,800	3.5	4.7
June	4,748,000	3,308,100	3,203,300	104,800	3.2	4.7
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	3,258,800	3,141,800	116,900	3.6	4.7
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	3,268,400	3,146,500	121,900	3.7	4.7
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Industry	July 1998 Current Month	June 1998 Prior Month	July 1997 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,210,700	3,205,100	3,121,300	5,600	89,400	0.2%	2.9%
Construction	109,100	107,400	100,200	1,700	8,900	1.6%	8.9%
Manufacturing	455,100	452,300	448,900	2,800	6,200	0.6%	1.4%
Durables	285,100	283,300	280,600	1,800	4,500	0.6%	1.6%
Nondurables	170,000	169,000	168,300	1,000	1,700	0.6%	1.0%
Transportation, Util.	138,300	138,600	134,900	(300)	3,400	-0.2%	2.5%
Trade	729,900	729,100	709,900	800	20,000	0.1%	2.8%
Wholesale	179,400	178,200	171,400	1,200	8,000	0.7%	4.7%
Retail	550,500	550,900	538,500	(400)	12,000	-0.1%	2.2%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	217,900	217,400	212,300	500	5,600	0.2%	2.6%
Services	1,150,900	1,147,100	1,106,600	3,800	44,300	0.3%	4.0%
Total Private	2,802,700	2,793,300	2,714,100	9,400	88,600	0.3%	3.3%
Government	408,000	411,800	407,200	(3,800)	800	-0.9%	0.2%
*High Tech	311,300	310,200	297,000	1,100	14,300	0.4%	4.8%
*Manufacturing	166,700	167,100	163,100	(400)	3,600	-0.2%	2.2%
*Nonmanufacturing	144,600	143,100	133,900	1,500	10,700	1.0%	8.0%

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AT 3.3% MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINS LOWEST OF BIG STATES; MORE PEOPLE WORKING IN STATE THAN EVER BEFORE

The Division of Employment and Training (DET) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate registered 3.3 percent in September, equaling its 3.3 percent average during the first eight months of 1998. Despite monthly fluctuations, the Bay State's unemployment rate during 1998 has remained within a range of 3.0 percent and 3.7 percent and has consistently registered as the lowest among the 11 large states. The U.S. unemployment rate rose to 4.6 percent in September from 4.5 percent in August.

In addition, the number of Massachusetts residents working increased by 2,900 last month, to reach a new all-time high -- the third straight month during which more people were working than ever before -- while the state's economy added 1,800 jobs, bringing the jobs total to 3,210,700. The number of jobs has increased 76,300 over the year since September 1997 and 425,400 since the December 1991 recession low. The continuing strength of the Massachusetts economy drew a particularly large number of people into the labor force in September. The 13,500 increase in the Massachusetts work force last month -- the second largest increase in the past year -- was coupled with record-breaking levels of employment. In September, Massachusetts had 23,800 fewer unemployed residents than one year ago, a decrease of 18.1 percent.

Commenting on the employment report, Governor Paul Cellucci said "Massachusetts' diversified economy remains strong and is continuing to generate new jobs for our state's working families. In times like these, when the economic news elsewhere is often not good, the results of our hard work over the past seven years in cutting taxes and making Massachusetts an attractive place to work and do business are particularly clear."

Finance, insurance and real estate gained 600 jobs in September, reaching 218,600, its highest job level in nearly ten years, while services added 300 jobs, reaching a new record high of 1,152,800. Over the year since September 1997, services has added nearly 40,000 jobs, with over half of the gains concentrated in business services (which grew at 6.8 percent) and engineering and management services (which grew at 5.8 percent).

DET also announced last week that the State's average weekly wage was \$699.91 -- or \$36,395.22 on an annualized basis -- for the twelve months ending March 31, 1998. This is an over-the-year increase of 5.2 percent.

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Construction	107,600	108,800	99,000	(1,200)	8,600	-1.1%	8.7%
Manufacturing	448,500	450,200	448,200	(1,700)	300	-0.4%	0.1%
Durables	281,000	282,800	280,500	(1,800)	500	-0.6%	0.2%
Nondurables	167,500	167,400	167,700	100	(200)	0.1%	-0.1%
Transportation, Util.	138,300	137,200	135,700	1,100	2,600	0.8%	1.9%
Trade	731,400	732,000	715,600	(600)	15,800	-0.1%	2.2%
Wholesale	179,700	180,200	173,400	(500)	6,300	-0.3%	3.6%
Retail	551,700	551,800	542,200	(100)	9,500	-0.0%	1.8%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	218,600	218,000	213,900	600	4,700	0.3%	2.2%
Services	1,152,800	1,152,500	1,113,400	300	39,400	0.0%	3.5%
Total Private	2,798,600	2,800,200	2,727,100	(1,600)	71,500	-0.1%	2.6%
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AUGUST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DIPS TO 3.0%; LOWEST RATE IN 10 YEARS

The Division of Employment and Training (DET) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate dropped to 3.0 percent in August, down from July's 3.1 percent. The jobless rate is tied with April's 3.0 as the lowest rate since 1988. The Massachusetts unemployment rate has been this low only six times since modern systems of collecting unemployment statistics began in 1970. The U.S. unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.5 percent for the third consecutive month.

DET also announced that the number of Massachusetts residents working once again broke all previous records, reaching a new all-time high of 3,155,800 in August, while the number of jobs in Massachusetts has increased 84,800 over the year since August 1997 and 425,300 since the December 1991 recession low.

"Our record low unemployment rate and creation of nearly 85,000 new jobs in the past year will help families across the Commonwealth share in the state's economic good times," said Governor Paul Cellucci. "A strong economy combined with our efforts to cut taxes, improve the public school system and ensure that each child has access to affordable health care will improve the overall quality of life for families everywhere in Massachusetts."

Angelo Buonopane, Director of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, said, "Not only has the Massachusetts unemployment rate been lower than the U.S. rate for 42 consecutive months, but the gap of 1.5 percentage points is the widest it has been during this entire period. Further, the number of jobless Massachusetts residents has dropped by 5,100 over the month and by 36,700 -- or 28 percent -- since one year ago.

In a related economic development, the Commerce Department released revised 1997 per capita income estimates earlier this week. It estimates 1997 Massachusetts per capita income at \$31,207, third highest in the nation behind only Connecticut and New Jersey. Moreover, the growth in inflation adjusted per capita incomes of Massachusetts residents between 1991 and 1997 was the second largest in the U.S.

Services gained 1,300 jobs in August, reaching another record high of 1,152,800. Since August 1997, the services sector has added 43,200 jobs, a 3.9 percent annual growth rate, and has accounted for over half of the 84,800 jobs created in Massachusetts during the past year.

NOTE: The local area unemployment statistics for August will be released on Tuesday September 22, 1998. The September unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, October 16, 1998, as will the September survey of jobs. (See 2/5/98 Media Advisory, annual schedule, for complete listing of release dates.) Detailed labor market information is available at DET's website: www.detma.org.

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Preliminary Monthly Job Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)
Massachusetts

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Industry	August 1998 Current Month	July 1998 Prior Month	August 1997 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,210,600	3,212,400	3,125,800	(1,800)	84,800	-0.1%	2.7%
Construction	109,100	108,900	100,700	200	8,400	0.2%	8.3%
Manufacturing	451,100	455,200	448,700	(4,100)	2,400	-0.9%	0.5%
Durables	282,900	284,800	280,600	(1,900)	2,300	-0.7%	0.8%
Nondurables	168,200	170,400	168,100	(2,200)	100	-1.3%	0.1%
Transportation, Util.	137,500	138,100	131,300 **	(600)	6,200	-0.4%	4.7%
Trade	732,100	731,500	713,400	600	18,700	0.1%	2.6%
Wholesale	180,200	179,100	171,500	1,100	8,700	0.6%	5.1%
Retail	551,900	552,400	541,900	(500)	10,000	-0.1%	1.8%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	218,000	218,000	213,200	0	4,800	0.0%	2.3%
Services	1,152,800	1,151,500	1,109,600	1,300	43,200	0.1%	3.9%
Total Private	2,802,100	2,804,700	2,718,300	(2,600)	83,800	-0.1%	3.1%
Government	408,500	407,700	407,500	800	1,000	0.2%	0.2%
*High Tech	311,600	311,000	299,200	600	12,400	0.2%	4.1%
*Manufacturing	166,200	166,400	163,800	(200)	2,400	-0.1%	1.5%
*Nonmanufacturing	145,400	144,600	135,400	800	10,000	0.6%	7.4%

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Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1997 Benchmark

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Source: Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.)

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA AND NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

1997 - 1998 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data

(unemployment rates in percent)

Working Age Population	Seasonally Unadjusted				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed

1997

January	4,719,000	3,208,500	3,056,000	152,600	4.8	5.9
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March	4,719,000	3,236,100	3,088,400	147,800	4.6	5.5
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June	4,724,000	3,316,000	3,177,800	138,200	4.2	5.2
July	4,725,000	3,323,700	3,188,900	134,800	4.1	5.0
August	4,728,000	3,318,100	3,187,900	130,200	3.9	4.8
September	4,731,000	3,253,100	3,123,200	129,900	4.0	4.7
October	4,734,000	3,263,100	3,151,800	111,300	3.4	4.4
November	4,736,000	3,265,800	3,152,300	113,600	3.5	4.3
December	4,737,000	3,246,100	3,136,000	110,100	3.4	4.4
Annual	4,726,000	3,260,200	3,129,400	130,800	4.0	4.9

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April	4,743,000	3,213,000	3,120,500	92,600	2.9	4.1
May	4,744,000	3,246,100	3,137,800	108,300	3.3	4.2
June	4,746,000	3,305,300	3,188,500	116,800	3.5	4.7
July	4,748,000	3,309,600	3,204,200	105,400	3.2	4.7
August	4,751,000	3,298,700	3,206,300	92,400	2.8	4.5
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Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

Source: Mass Division of Employment & Training; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
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MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE PLUMMETS TO 2.9%; LOWEST RATE SINCE JULY 1987

The Division of Employment and Training (DET) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate fell to 2.9 percent in November, down 0.5 percentage point from one month ago, and 1.0 percentage point from one year ago. This marks just the third time since modern systems of collecting unemployment statistics began in 1970 that the Massachusetts rate has been under 3 percent. The prior two occasions were in January 1970 when the unemployment rate was 2.4 percent and in July 1987 when the rate was 2.8 percent.

Commenting on these very positive trends, Governor Paul Cellucci said "News could not be better for our working families during this holiday season. Unemployment has plummeted to below 3 percent for the first time in more than a decade and more people are working than ever before."

The Massachusetts unemployment rate is now fully 1.5 percentage points below the 4.4 percent U.S. average, the greatest disparity since the State and national rate first diverged nearly four years ago.

The number of unemployed Massachusetts residents also dropped to an 11 year low of 95,700. Joblessness was last this low in November 1987, when 91,800 persons were unemployed.

The number of people working in the Bay State reached a new all-time high of 3,173,600 in November, surpassing last month's record high by nearly 10,000, and is up 36,800 from one year ago, with 29,100 – or nearly 80 percent of that increase – occurring in just the last five months. In November, for the first time ever, two out of every three Massachusetts adults were working. The 66.7 percent "employment-population ratio" broke last month's previous record of 66.5 percent. Seven years ago this ratio was only 61.1 percent. The U.S. "employment-population ratio" in November 1998 was 64.1 percent.

Massachusetts also set a new record of 3,218,600 jobs, 6,200 above the previous record which was set just last month. Job increases were recorded in five of the seven major industry sectors. Since one year ago, Massachusetts has added 61,000 jobs.

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The services sector added the largest number of jobs last month, growing by 3,000 jobs. This sector has generated 39,200 jobs since November 1997. Business services and engineering and management services accounted for about 22,000 of this sector's total over-the-year job gain, and they have grown at a 6.3 percent rate over the past year.

Construction recorded the fastest rate of growth of the major industry sectors, both over the month (2.3 percent) and over the year (8.0 percent). Mild seasonal weather may have contributed to the very strong 2,500 job increase in November.

Trade showed a 2,300 job gain in November, ending a two month decline. The retail segment added 1,800 jobs with stronger than average seasonal hiring occurring in general merchandise stores, apparel stores, and specialty retail shops, as employers geared up for the holiday shopping season.

Finance, insurance and real estate posted a 1,000 job gain in November, its largest monthly increase since June 1996. The financial services component, including the security and commodity broker and banking industries, remained strong with job levels up 6,100 or 5.2 percent from one year ago.

Manufacturing declined by 2,000 last month as global economic uncertainty continued to impact manufacturing performance in both the U.S. as a whole and Massachusetts. Manufacturing jobs now stand at 444,800. Nonetheless, several components of the manufacturing sector -- including lumber and furniture, transportation equipment, printing and publishing, chemicals, miscellaneous plastic products, and jewelry -- continued to record over-the-year gains. Job growth in high tech industries also generally continues to be strong. High tech nonmanufacturing jobs are up 9,800 or 7.2 percent since November 1997, although high tech manufacturing is off 2,400 or 1.5 percent over the year.

NOTE: The local area unemployment statistics for November will be released on Tuesday December 22, 1998. The December unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, January 22, 1999, as will the December survey of jobs. (See 2/5/98 Media Advisory, annual schedule, for complete listing of release dates.) Detailed labor market information is available at DET's website: www.detma.org.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA AND NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

1997 - 1998 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data
(unemployment rates in percent)

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July	4,748,000	3,309,600	3,204,200	105,400	3.2	4.7	3,255,000	3,153,700	101,300	3.1	4.5	
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September	4,754,000	3,250,000	3,141,500	108,500	3.3	4.4	3,265,200	3,157,300	107,900	3.3	4.6	
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November	4,759,000	3,270,900	3,186,300	84,500	2.6	4.1	3,269,400	3,173,600	95,700	2.9	4.4	
December												
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Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

Source: Mass Division of Employment & Training; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

MASSACHUSETTS DATA SERIES FOR 1993-1997 REVISED AS OF FEBRUARY 27, 1998.

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Preliminary Monthly Job Estimates (CES-790)
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Massachusetts

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Nonagricultural	3,218,600	3,212,400	3,157,600	6,200	61,000	0.2%	1.9%
Construction	110,700	108,200	102,500	2,500	8,200	2.3%	8.0%
Manufacturing	444,800	446,800	451,600	(2,000)	(6,800)	-0.4%	-1.5%
Durables	278,900	279,400	282,600	(500)	(3,700)	-0.2%	-1.3%
Nondurables	165,900	167,400	169,000	(1,500)	(3,100)	-0.9%	-1.8%
Transportation, Utilities	135,900	137,200	136,000	(1,300)	(100)	-0.9%	-0.1%
Trade	731,200	728,900	722,000	2,300	9,200	0.3%	1.3%
Wholesale	179,600	179,100	175,000	500	4,600	0.3%	2.6%
Retail	551,600	549,800	547,000	1,800	4,600	0.3%	0.8%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	220,200	219,200	215,200	1,000	5,000	0.5%	2.3%
Services	1,160,800	1,157,800	1,121,600	3,000	39,200	0.3%	3.5%
Total Private	2,805,000	2,799,600	2,750,300	5,400	54,700	0.2%	2.0%
Government	413,600	412,800	407,300	800	6,300	0.2%	1.5%
*High Tech	308,900	308,500	301,500	400	7,400	0.1%	2.5%
*Manufacturing	163,000	163,900	165,400	(900)	(2,400)	-0.5%	-1.5%
*Nonmanufacturing	145,900	144,600	136,100	1,300	9,800	0.9%	7.2%

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Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1997 Benchmark

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Source: Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training (D.E.T.)

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MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 3.1% IN DECEMBER**

The Division of Employment and Training (DET) announced today that the Massachusetts seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.1 percent in December 1998. One year ago, in December 1997, the Massachusetts unemployment rate was 3.8 percent.

December closed a strong year for the Massachusetts economy. The 1998 annual average unemployment rate of 3.3 percent, was the lowest annual rate since 1988, when the rate was also 3.3 percent. The 1998 and 1988 annual rates are tied for the second lowest of the 29-year period beginning in 1970, when modern systems of collecting unemployment statistics began. The lowest annual average rate over this period was 3.2 percent, recorded in 1987.

Commenting on the latest jobs report, Governor Paul Cellucci said "With an unemployment rate that remains at a near record low and a continuing strong job growth, the Massachusetts economy is setting the pace for the nation."

The Massachusetts annual average unemployment rate has now been on the decline for seven consecutive years, since peaking at 9.1 percent in 1991, and has been below the U.S. rate for the past five years. Massachusetts and U.S. annual average unemployment rates for 1991-1998 are compared on the following table:

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
MA	9.1%	8.6%	6.9%	6.0%	5.4%	4.3%	4.0%	3.3%
U.S.	6.8%	7.5%	6.9%	6.1%	5.6%	5.4%	4.9%	4.5%

In December, for the sixth straight month, the number of people working in Massachusetts reached a new high. There were 3,174,900 people working in December 1998, an increase of more than 30,000 since June 1998 and an increase of 326,100 -- 11.4 percent -- since the December 1991 recession low.

Massachusetts posted strong job gains in December, setting its fourth consecutive all-time high -- 3,225,900. The 9,000 monthly job increase was the largest gain since May 1998, when 10,800 jobs were added. Jobs are up 57,500 (1.8 percent) over the year since December 1997.

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Services added 4,100 jobs in December, setting another record high at 1,164,800. Business services and engineering and management services remained strong. These two industries combined have accounted for 22,100, or 57 percent, of the 38,700 net new services jobs created over the past year.

Unseasonably mild weather helped construction post the fastest rate of growth (1.5 percent) of any industry sector for the third month in a row. Construction also showed the fastest rate of growth over the year (7.5 percent), with an increase of 7,800 jobs since December 1997.

Finance, insurance and real estate climbed to 221,300 jobs in December, the result of a 1,200 job gain, the largest monthly increase since a 1,200 increase in June 1996. The last time this sector recorded a larger monthly increase was in October 1993 (1,700). Finance, insurance and real estate showed a very strong fourth quarter growth, with gains of 900 jobs in November and 700 in October, in addition to December's 1,200 job increase. The financial services component, including the security and commodity broker and banking industries, remains very strong with job levels up 6,800 or 5.8 percent from one year ago.

Trade added 600 jobs in December, equaling its average monthly gain over the last twelve months. Jobs in this sector have increased 7,600 over the year, to 731,200. Over-the-year growth rates have been very strong in general merchandise stores (7.9 percent) and furniture and equipment stores (7.1 percent).

Manufacturing jobs continued to decline last month but the 200 job loss was much smaller than those of the prior four months. Manufacturing jobs stood at 444,200 in December, down 8,700 (1.9 percent) from December 1997. Certain pockets of manufacturing continue to generate over-the-year job gains, including lumber and furniture, transportation equipment, printing and publishing, chemicals, miscellaneous plastic products, and jewelry. High tech nonmanufacturing industries continue to show robust job growth, up 9,700 or 7.1 percent since December 1997, but high tech manufacturing is off 3,500 or 2.1 percent over the year, paralleling to the 1.9 percent decline in total manufacturing.

NOTE: The local area unemployment statistics for December will be released on Tuesday January 26, 1999. The January unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, February 26, 1999, as will the January survey of jobs. (See 1/22/99 Media Advisory, annual schedule, for complete listing of release dates.) Detailed labor market information is available at DET's website: www.detma.org.

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Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	221,300	220,100	215,700	1,200	5,600	0.5%	2.6%
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MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA AND NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

1997 - 1998 by Month

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(unemployment rates in percent)

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April	4,721,000	3,231,400	3,099,500	131,900	4.1	4.8	3,261,700	3,126,300	135,500	4.2	5.0	
May	4,722,000	3,248,700	3,125,800	122,900	3.8	4.7	3,266,900	3,132,500	134,400	4.1	4.9	
June	4,724,000	3,316,000	3,177,800	138,200	4.2	5.2	3,267,700	3,135,100	132,600	4.1	5.0	
July	4,725,000	3,323,700	3,188,900	134,800	4.1	5.0	3,269,700	3,138,400	131,400	4.0	4.9	
August	4,728,000	3,318,100	3,187,900	130,200	3.9	4.8	3,271,200	3,138,300	132,900	4.1	4.9	
September	4,731,000	3,253,100	3,123,200	129,900	4.0	4.7	3,269,100	3,138,000	131,200	4.0	4.9	
October	4,734,000	3,263,100	3,151,800	111,300	3.4	4.4	3,268,500	3,141,200	127,300	3.9	4.7	
November	4,736,000	3,265,800	3,152,300	113,600	3.5	4.3	3,263,200	3,136,800	126,400	3.9	4.6	
December	4,737,000	3,246,100	3,136,000	110,100	3.4	4.4	3,254,500	3,130,300	124,300	3.8	4.7	
Annual	4,726,000	3,260,200	3,129,400	130,800	4.0	4.9	3,260,200	3,129,400	130,800	4.0	4.9	
1998												
January	4,738,000	3,233,200	3,094,700	138,500	4.3	5.2	3,258,800	3,141,800	116,900	3.6	4.6	
February	4,740,000	3,226,500	3,102,200	124,400	3.9	5.0	3,258,300	3,149,400	108,900	3.3	4.6	
March	4,741,000	3,249,300	3,111,900	137,400	4.2	5.0	3,268,400	3,146,500	121,900	3.7	4.7	
April	4,743,000	3,213,000	3,120,500	92,600	2.9	4.1	3,244,700	3,148,800	95,800	3.0	4.3	
May	4,744,000	3,246,100	3,137,800	108,300	3.3	4.2	3,263,700	3,144,100	119,600	3.7	4.4	
June	4,746,000	3,305,300	3,188,500	116,800	3.5	4.7	3,255,700	3,144,500	111,200	3.4	4.5	
July	4,748,000	3,309,600	3,204,200	105,400	3.2	4.7	3,255,000	3,153,700	101,300	3.1	4.5	
August	4,751,000	3,298,200	3,205,300	92,900	2.8	4.5	3,251,600	3,154,800	96,700	3.0	4.5	
September	4,754,000	3,250,000	3,141,500	108,500	3.3	4.4	3,265,200	3,157,300	107,900	3.3	4.5	
October	4,757,000	3,267,900	3,173,200	94,700	2.9	4.2	3,273,400	3,163,700	109,800	3.4	4.5	
November	4,759,000	3,270,700	3,185,600	85,100	2.6	4.1	3,269,200	3,172,900	96,300	2.9	4.4	
December	4,760,000	3,266,500	3,178,000	88,500	2.7	4.0	3,276,200	3,174,900	101,300	3.1	4.3	
Annual												

Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

Source: Mass Division of Employment & Training; US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

MASSACHUSETTS DATA SERIES FOR 1993-1997 REVISED AS OF FEBRUARY 27, 1998

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MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINS AT 3.1% IN JANUARY 1999

The Division of Employment and Training (DET) announced today that the Massachusetts seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.1 percent in January 1999, the third consecutive month the rate has been at this level. One year ago, in January 1998, the Massachusetts unemployment rate was 3.6 percent. (Normal year-end benchmark revisions resulted in slight changes to the historical labor force estimates for 1994-1998. Among those changes was a revision of the November 1998 unemployment rate from 2.9 percent to 3.1 percent.)

The Massachusetts rate has remained under 4 percent for 16 consecutive months, averaging 3.3 percent for calendar year 1998.

Commenting on the positive unemployment numbers, Governor Paul Cellucci said "When we first brought the unemployment rate under 4 percent in October 1997 there was some skepticism as to whether we could maintain this level. Since then, the rate continued to fall and in recent months has been at near record lows."

The U.S. unemployment rate was also unchanged in January 1999, remaining at 4.3 percent. The Massachusetts rate continues to run well below the U.S. average, and has recorded a lower rate than the nation during each of the past 47 months.

There were 3,161,300 people working in January 1999, a slight increase of 2,100 from the prior month. The number of unemployed at 101,900 also showed a marginal increase of 1,500 from the prior month, but remained well below the 1998 annual average of 109,100.

Massachusetts jobs were down 5,500 over the month, from a record high of 3,198,500 in December 1998 to 3,193,000 in January 1999. Much of the drop is attributable to post-holiday payroll trimming in retail establishments. Jobs are up 46,800 (1.5 percent) since January 1998. (Normal year-end benchmark revisions resulted in changes to the historical estimates for 1994-1998.)

Construction added 2,400 jobs in January to the sector's 110,600 December job base, aided by favorable winter weather patterns. General building and special trade construction remain strong, pushing construction sector gains to 7,900 or 7.5 percent since January 1998.

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MASSACHUSETTS DATA SERIES FOR 1993-1997 REVISED AS OF FEBRUARY 27, 1998

Transportation and utilities gained 1,600 jobs in January, equaling its record high of 137,000 in July 1998.

Services jobs were essentially level in January at 1,146,300, following a string of fourteen consecutive monthly record job gains. Growth in services has accounted for 27,300 jobs since January 1998, nearly 60 percent of all net new jobs. Growth in business services and engineering services continued unabated. Business services added 600 jobs in January and 9,800 or 4.2 percent over the year. Engineering services added 300 jobs in January and 6,100 or 5.1 percent over the year. Engineering and management services has registered job gains in each of the 60 months of the new seasonally adjusted series, while business services nearly matched that performance, registering job gains in 59 of the last 60 months.

Finance, insurance and real estate (219,100) lost 900 jobs in January, its first monthly decline since January 1998. Over this twelve month time period, strength in the financial services component has led to a 5,600 or 2.6 percent increase in the finance, insurance and real estate sector.

Trade declined 5,200 in January to 722,000. Some of this job loss can be attributed to the aftermath of strong seasonal hiring during the holiday shopping season. Altogether, trade jobs are up 10,100 over the year, while building supply stores and general merchandise stores have added jobs both over the month and over the year.

Manufacturing jobs were down 1,700 in January, to 438,500, in line with recent trends in this sector. Overall high tech jobs are up 1,500 over the year, with high tech nonmanufacturing showing strong job growth of 5.6 percent, but high tech manufacturing posting a 3.7 percent decline.

NOTE: Historical labor force, employment, and unemployment estimates for Massachusetts from 1994 through 1998 were revised as of 2/26/99 to incorporate updated population controls, revised seasonal adjustment factors, reestimation of models, and benchmarking to CPS annual averages. Historical seasonally adjusted jobs estimates for Massachusetts from 1994 through 1998 and historical unadjusted jobs estimates for Massachusetts and the ten major labor market areas for 1997 and 1998, were revised as of 2/26/99 to reflect annual benchmarking adjustments. Seasonally adjusted estimates for Massachusetts are now also available for selected industries back to 1994.

NOTE: The local area unemployment statistics for January will be released on Wednesday March 3, 1999. The February unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, March 19, 1999, as will the February survey of jobs. (See 1/22/99 Media Advisory, annual schedule, for complete listing of release dates.) Detailed labor market information is available at DET's website: www.detma.org.

Massachusetts Labor Force Data and National Unemployment Rate

1998 and 1999 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data

(Unemployment Rates In percent)

	Seasonally Unadjusted					
	Working Age Population	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate
1998						
January	4,739,000	3,255,400	3,114,300	141,200	4.3	5.2
February	4,740,000	3,248,800	3,119,700	129,100	4.0	5.0
March	4,742,000	3,263,400	3,130,200	133,200	4.1	5.0
April	4,744,000	3,238,000	3,139,700	98,300	3.0	4.1
May	4,746,000	3,261,700	3,156,300	105,400	3.2	4.2
June	4,748,000	3,321,700	3,206,100	115,600	3.5	4.7
July	4,751,000	3,324,500	3,217,900	106,600	3.2	4.7
August	4,753,000	3,312,200	3,213,300	99,000	3.0	4.5
September	4,756,000	3,260,100	3,149,100	111,000	3.4	4.4
October	4,759,000	3,270,600	3,177,700	92,900	2.8	4.2
November	4,761,000	3,268,600	3,180,200	88,500	2.7	4.1
December	4,762,000	3,255,900	3,167,200	88,700	2.7	4.0
Annual	4,750,100	3,273,400	3,164,300	109,100	3.3	4.5
1999						
January	4,763,000	3,240,900	3,117,000	123,900	3.8	4.8

	Seasonally Adjusted					
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate	
3,278,400	3,159,200	119,100	3.6	4.6		
3,279,300	3,163,700	115,700	3.5	4.6		
3,279,900	3,164,100	115,800	3.5	4.7		
3,272,900	3,167,400	105,500	3.2	4.3		
3,280,300	3,165,600	114,700	3.5	4.4		
3,274,900	3,164,900	110,000	3.4	4.5		
3,274,400	3,169,000	105,400	3.2	4.5		
3,270,000	3,164,600	105,500	3.2	4.5		
3,274,200	3,164,900	109,300	3.3	4.5		
3,272,700	3,166,500	106,300	3.2	4.5		
3,264,400	3,163,100	101,300	3.1	4.4		
3,259,500	3,159,200	100,400	3.1	4.3		
3,273,400	3,164,300	109,100	3.3	4.5		
3,263,100	3,161,300	101,900	3.1	4.3		

Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

Source: Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Industry	January-99 Current Month	December-98 Prior Month	January-98 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,193,000	3,198,500	3,146,200	(5,500)	46,800	-0.2%	1.5%
Construction	113,000	110,600	105,100	2,400	7,900	2.2%	7.5%
Manufacturing	438,500	440,200	452,800	(1,700)	(14,300)	-0.4%	-3.2%
Durables	274,300	275,500	284,200	(1,200)	(9,900)	-0.4%	-3.5%
Nondurables	164,200	164,700	168,600	(500)	(4,400)	-0.3%	-2.6%
Transportation, Utilities	137,000	135,400	135,300	1,600	1,700	1.2%	1.3%
Trade	722,000	727,200	711,900	(5,200)	10,100	-0.7%	1.4%
Wholesale	177,200	177,100	173,100	100	4,100	0.1%	2.4%
Retail	544,800	550,100	538,800	(5,300)	6,000	-1.0%	1.1%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	219,100	220,000	213,500	(900)	5,600	-0.4%	2.6%
Services	1,146,300	1,147,200	1,119,000	(900)	27,300	-0.1%	2.4%
Total Private	2,777,200	2,781,900	2,738,900	(4,700)	38,300	-0.2%	1.4%
Government	415,800	416,600	407,300	(800)	8,500	-0.2%	2.1%
*High Tech	302,600	303,300	301,100	(700)	1,500	-0.2%	0.5%
*Manufacturing	159,800	160,100	165,900	(300)	(6,100)	-0.2%	-3.7%
*Nonmanufacturing	142,800	143,200	135,200	(400)	7,600	-0.3%	5.6%

* These are DET estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1998 Benchmark (2/26/99)

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**MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 2.9% IN
FEBRUARY; NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED LOWEST SINCE MARCH
1970**

The Division of Employment and Training (DET) announced today that the Massachusetts seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in February 1999 dropped to 2.9 percent from a revised 3.2 percent in January. Over the last 18 months, the Massachusetts rate has shown a steady decline, from 4.1 percent in August 1997 to 2.9 percent at present. This represents only the third time since 1970 that the rate has been under 3 percent.

The Massachusetts three month average unemployment rate for the months December 1998 to February 1999 was 3.1 percent, while the rate for the most recent 12 month period (March 1998-February 1999) was 3.2 percent. Many analysts look to three month averages as a good gauge of employment trends, and the most recent three month figures point to a very strong labor market in the Bay State.

The number of unemployed in Massachusetts dropped from 102,900 in January to 93,600 in February. This is down 22,100 from a year ago, and represents the fewest number of unemployed Massachusetts residents in nearly 29 years, or since 90,000 were unemployed in March 1970.

Commenting on the positive unemployment numbers, Governor Paul Cellucci said "The Massachusetts economy remains very strong but even with an unemployment rate that has now fallen under 3 percent, we remain fully committed in our efforts to foster an economic climate that benefits all our state's working families."

The U.S. unemployment rate rose slightly in February, from 4.3 percent to 4.4 percent. The Massachusetts rate of 2.9 percent was 1.5 percentage points below the U.S. rate, the widest disparity since the state and national rates began to diverge four years ago.

There were 3,170,900 Massachusetts residents working in February 1999. The 9,200 monthly increase from January corresponded with the 9,300 drop in unemployment, and the number of people working in February broke by 1,900 the previous all-time high set in July 1998.

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Massachusetts added 9,800 jobs in February, reaching a new record high of 3,203,700, surpassing the previous high of 3,198,500 in December 1998. Jobs are up 47,100 (1.5 percent) since February 1998.

Services jobs increased 3,500 in February to a record high of 1,149,500, negating the small 1,200 job decline in January. Since February 1998, services jobs have grown 26,700 or 2.4 percent. Business services is up 7,900 or 3.4 percent over the year and engineering and management services is up 5,500 jobs or 4.6 percent.

Retail trade added 5,400 jobs in February, offsetting the 4,200 post-holiday season job decline of the previous month. Gains were strongest in eating and drinking places (3,900) and apparel stores (1,600), while general merchandise stores (-1,100) was the industry showing the largest decline in this sector. Retail trade jobs are up 10,500 or 1.9 percent over the year, with retail specialty stores showing the biggest increase of 3,700 or 4.2 percent.

Finance, insurance and real estate rebounded from a 700 job loss in January, posting a 900 job increase to 220,200. Since February 1998, jobs are up 6,300 or 2.9 percent, nearly twice the overall job growth rate. Over-the-year gains have been concentrated in the security and commodity broker and banking industries. Effects from the recently announced banking merger are yet to be known.

Gains in the transportation industry pushed transportation and utilities jobs up 400 to 137,800 in February. This followed a strong January increase in both transportation and communications that added 2,000 jobs and a record high for this sector.

Construction added 1,700 jobs in February with all the gains occurring in special trade contractors, who are benefiting from the mild winter weather. Construction has added 8,600 jobs or 8.1 percent since February 1998 as low interest rates have contributed to a building boom.

Manufacturing continued its downward trend, with a loss of 1,900 jobs in February. However, the plastics, lumber and furniture, and jewelry industries posted job gains over the past 12 months. Overall high tech jobs are up 200 over the year, with high tech nonmanufacturing showing strong job growth of 5.6 percent, and high tech manufacturing recording a 4.5 percent decline.

NOTE: The local area unemployment statistics for February will be released on Tuesday March 23, 1999. The March unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, April 16, 1999, as will the March survey of jobs. (See 1/22/99 Media Advisory, annual schedule, for complete listing of release dates.) Detailed labor market information is available at DET's website: www.detma.org.

Massachusetts Labor Force Data and National Unemployment Rate

1998 and 1999 by Month
Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data

(Unemployment Rates in percent)

	Working Age Population	Seasonally Unadjusted					Seasonally Adjusted				
		Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate
1998											
January	4,739,000	3,255,400	3,114,300	141,200	4.3	5.2	3,278,400	3,159,200	119,100	3.6	4.6
February	4,740,000	3,248,800	3,119,700	129,100	4.0	5.0	3,279,300	3,163,700	115,700	3.5	4.6
March	4,742,000	3,263,400	3,130,200	133,200	4.1	5.0	3,279,900	3,164,100	115,800	3.5	4.7
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May	4,746,000	3,261,700	3,156,300	105,400	3.2	4.2	3,280,300	3,165,600	114,700	3.5	4.4
June	4,748,000	3,321,700	3,206,100	115,600	3.5	4.7	3,274,900	3,164,900	110,000	3.4	4.5
July	4,751,000	3,324,500	3,217,900	106,600	3.2	4.7	3,274,400	3,169,000	105,400	3.2	4.5
August	4,753,000	3,312,200	3,213,300	99,000	3.0	4.5	3,270,000	3,164,600	105,500	3.2	4.5
September	4,756,000	3,260,100	3,149,100	111,000	3.4	4.4	3,274,200	3,164,900	109,300	3.3	4.5
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November	4,761,000	3,268,600	3,180,200	88,500	2.7	4.1	3,264,400	3,163,100	101,300	3.1	4.4
December	4,762,000	3,255,900	3,167,200	88,700	2.7	4.0	3,259,500	3,159,200	100,400	3.1	4.3
Annual	4,750,100	3,273,400	3,164,300	109,100	3.3	4.5	3,273,400	3,164,300	109,100	3.3	4.5
1999											
January	4,763,000	3,242,300	3,117,400	124,900	3.9	4.8	3,264,600	3,161,700	102,900	3.2	4.3
February	4,764,000	3,233,200	3,126,500	106,800	3.3	4.7	3,264,500	3,170,900	93,600	2.9	4.4

February Unem. Rate Rls. (cont.) P.3

Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

Source: Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training; U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Massachusetts data series for 1994 - 1998 revised as of February 26, 1999.
U.S. data series for 1994-1998 revised as of January 8, 1999.

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Massachusetts

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Industry	February-99 Current Month	January-99 Prior Month	February-98 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,203,700	3,193,900	3,156,600	9,800	47,100	0.3%	1.5%
Construction	114,800	113,100	106,200	1,700	8,600	1.5%	8.1%
Manufacturing	436,500	438,400	453,800	(1,900)	(17,300)	-0.4%	-3.8%
Durables	273,300	274,400	285,100	(1,100)	(11,800)	-0.4%	-4.1%
Nondurables	163,200	164,000	168,700	(800)	(5,500)	-0.5%	-3.3%
Transportation, Utilities	137,800	137,400	135,800	400	2,000	0.3%	1.5%
Trade	727,300	722,100	714,400	5,200	12,900	0.7%	1.8%
Wholesale	176,000	176,200	173,600	(200)	2,400	-0.1%	1.4%
Retail	551,300	545,900	540,800	5,400	10,500	1.0%	1.9%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	220,200	219,300	213,900	900	6,300	0.4%	2.9%
Services	1,149,500	1,146,000	1,122,800	3,500	26,700	0.3%	2.4%
Total Private	2,787,500	2,777,600	2,748,300	9,900	39,200	0.4%	1.4%
Government	416,200	416,300	408,300	(100)	7,900	0.0%	1.9%
*High Tech	301,800	302,400	301,600	(600)	200	-0.2%	0.1%
*Manufacturing	158,800	159,600	166,200	(800)	(7,400)	-0.5%	-4.5%
*Nonmanufacturing	143,000	142,800	135,400	200	7,600	0.1%	5.6%

* These are DET estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1998 Benchmark (2/26/99)

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**MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 2.8% IN MARCH;
QUARTERLY RATE FALLS UNDER 3% FOR FIRST TIME IN MODERN
HISTORY**

The Division of Employment and Training (DET) announced today that the Massachusetts seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in March 1999 dropped to 2.8 percent from 2.9 percent in February. The March 1999 rate is tied with July 1987's 2.8 percent as the lowest since January 1970, when the rate was 2.4 percent.

Massachusetts posted a first quarter 1999 unemployment rate of 2.9 percent. This marks the first time that a quarterly unemployment rate has been under 3 percent since modern systems of collecting unemployment statistics began in 1970. The previous quarterly low of 3.0 percent was recorded in both the third and fourth quarters of 1987.

The number of Massachusetts residents working reached a new record high of 3,173,400 in March, up 2,600 from last month's previous all-time high.

Commenting on the positive employment numbers, Governor Paul Cellucci said "The numbers keep getting better and better. Our challenge now is to sustain this economic boom, by pursuing tax and spending policies that foster growth and keep Massachusetts competitive."

The U.S. unemployment rate also declined in March, from 4.4 percent to 4.2 percent. The Massachusetts rate of 2.8 percent was 1.4 percentage points below the U.S. rate, the 49th consecutive month that Massachusetts has recorded a lower rate than the nation.

The Massachusetts economy continues to generate new jobs, reaching a record high of 3,211,000 in March, a 7,100 increase from February's previous high. Most industry sectors posted job gains over the month. Jobs are up 48,000 (1.5 percent) over the last 12 months and 425,700 (15.3 percent) since the December 1991 recession low.

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Retail trade added the most jobs for the second month in a row. The 2,800 job gain (an annualized rate of 6.1 percent) was concentrated in three industries: general merchandise stores, eating and drinking places, and furniture stores. Retail trade is up 13,000 over the year to 555,000, with all eight industry segments posting gains. The strongest over-the-year performance was turned in by specialty retail stores, with a gain of 4,000 or 4.6 percent.

Services jobs increased 2,700 in March (an annualized rate of 2.8 percent), reaching another record high of 1,151,900. A 2,200 job increase in business services accounted for much of the monthly gain. Services jobs have risen 25,600 or 2.3 percent since March 1998. Engineering and management services have grown the fastest at 5 percent (6,000 jobs), while business services added the most jobs (8,900 or 3.8 percent).

Construction continued to add jobs at a brisk pace with a 1,700 job gain in March, its ninth consecutive monthly increase. Since June 1998, construction job rolls have expanded from 106,200 to 116,400, an increase of 10,200 or 9.6 percent. Special trade contractors and general building contractors accounted for most of the job gain.

Finance, insurance and real estate added 500 jobs in March, consistent with its 6,000 increase over the past year. Job gains in security and commodity brokers were slightly offset by job losses in commercial banks. Finance, insurance and real estate jobs now stand at 220,700 and the 2.8 percent over-the-year increase in this sector is second only to construction.

Manufacturing lost 700 jobs in March, all in the durable goods component. While the decrease was much smaller than in recent months, manufacturing jobs are down 3.9 percent since March 1998. The plastics, lumber and furniture, and jewelry industries countered the overall manufacturing trend by posting over the year gains. Overall high tech jobs are essentially unchanged over the year at 302,000, with high tech nonmanufacturing showing strong job growth of 5.5 percent, and high tech manufacturing recording a 4.8 percent decline.

NOTE: The local area unemployment statistics for March will be released on Wednesday April 21, 1999. The April unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, May 21, 1999, as will the April survey of jobs. (See 1/22/99 Media Advisory, annual schedule, for complete listing of release dates.) Detailed labor market information is available at DET's website: www.detma.org.

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Industry	March-99 Current Month	February-99 Prior Month	March-98 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,211,000	3,203,900	3,163,000	7,100	48,000	0.2%	1.5%
Construction	116,400	114,700	107,100	1,700	9,300	1.5%	8.7%
Manufacturing	435,700	436,400	453,300	(700)	(17,600)	-0.2%	-3.9%
Durables	272,400	273,100	284,800	(700)	(12,400)	-0.3%	-4.4%
Nondurables	163,300	163,300	168,500	0	(5,200)	0.0%	-3.1%
Transportation, Utilities	136,900	137,700	135,700	(800)	1,200	-0.6%	0.9%
Trade	731,400	728,000	715,800	3,400	15,600	0.5%	2.2%
Wholesale	176,400	175,800	173,800	600	2,600	0.3%	1.5%
Retail	555,000	552,200	542,000	2,800	13,000	0.5%	2.4%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	220,700	220,200	214,700	500	6,000	0.2%	2.8%
Services	1,151,900	1,149,200	1,126,300	2,700	25,600	0.2%	2.3%
Total Private	2,794,300	2,787,600	2,754,200	6,700	40,100	0.2%	1.5%
Government	416,700	416,300	408,800	400	7,900	0.1%	1.9%
*High Tech	302,000	301,300	302,400	700	(400)	0.2%	-0.1%
*Manufacturing	158,100	158,400	166,000	(300)	(7,900)	-0.2%	-4.8%
*Nonmanufacturing	143,900	142,900	136,400	1,000	7,500	0.7%	5.5%

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UNEMPLOYMENT IN BAY STATE AT 2.9% IN APRIL - THIRD CONSECUTIVE MONTH UNDER 3%; JOB GROWTH ACCELERATES

The Division of Employment and Training (DET) announced today that Massachusetts posted a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 2.9 percent in April 1999, up 0.1 percentage point from March. Since modern systems of collecting unemployment statistics began in 1970, the Massachusetts monthly unemployment rate has been under 3.0 percent on only five occasions, three of which have been in the last three months.

Massachusetts has now recorded a lower unemployment rate than the nation for 50 consecutive months. The U.S. unemployment rate also increased in April, from 4.2 percent to 4.3 percent. With a rate of 2.9 percent, Massachusetts maintained a differential of 1.4 percentage points lower than the U.S.

Commenting on the latest jobs report, Governor Paul Cellucci said "Not only are the numbers very positive, but they have been consistently good. This shows that our emphasis on fostering a strong Massachusetts economy is succeeding."

The number of Massachusetts residents working increased by 5,900 in April, setting a new record high of 3,178,700. Due to labor force expansion, unemployment was up slightly over the month, from 91,800 in March to 93,600 in April.

Massachusetts job levels also reached a new record high of 3,218,200 in April. The 8,300 over-the-month job increase was nearly double the average monthly growth of the past 12 months. The total job count is up 51,600 (1.6 percent) over the last 12 months.

Services added 5,600 jobs in April, its largest one month increase since November 1996. Business services, engineering and management services, and social services all reported strong over-the-month gains. Business services and engineering and management services have contributed to over half of the yearly job gains in the services sector, with a combined growth rate of 4.2 percent.

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Retail trade recorded a 2,900 job gain in April (an annualized rate of 6.3 percent), continuing its recent solid performance. Since January, retail trade has added jobs at an annualized rate of over 8 percent. Eating and drinking places (+1,200) and food stores (+900) added the most jobs over the month, but the fastest monthly growth rates occurred in building material stores (+2.1 percent), general merchandise stores (+1.5 percent), and apparel stores (+1.0 percent). Retail trade is up 14,400 or 2.7 percent over the year to 557,000, with all eight industry segments recording gains.

Finance, insurance and real estate rose to 221,500, the result of a strong monthly gain of 900 jobs (an annualized rate of 4.9 percent). Since April 1998, this sector has added 5,800 jobs, an annual increase of 2.7 percent. Job gains in security and commodity brokers have accounted for much of the increase.

Construction lost 500 jobs in May, its first monthly job loss in nearly a year. Construction jobs remained plentiful during a mild winter; as a result, seasonal hiring was less than what normally occurs in April. Since April 1998, construction has added 7,700 jobs to reach a level of 115,600. The 7.1 percent annual growth rate remains the highest of any major industry sector.

Manufacturing was unchanged in April at 436,000. The textile, rubber and plastic, and paper industries all contributed to the 600-job gain in nondurable goods but these gains were offset by a 600-job loss in durable goods. Manufacturing jobs are off 3.5 percent in the past 12 months, but the plastics, lumber and furniture, and jewelry industries all posted over-the-year gains. Overall high tech jobs are essentially unchanged over the year at 302,500, with high tech nonmanufacturing showing strong job growth of 5.1 percent, and high tech manufacturing recording a 4.6 percent decline.

NOTE: The local area unemployment statistics for April will be released on Tuesday May 25, 1999. The May unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, June 18, 1999, as will the April survey of jobs. (See 1/22/99 Media Advisory, annual schedule, for complete listing of release dates.) Detailed labor market information is available at DET's website: www.detma.org.

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Massachusetts data series for 1994 - 1998 revised as of February 26, 1999.

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				Prior Month	Year Ago	Prior Month	Year Ago
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Construction	115,600	116,100	107,900	(500)	7,700	-0.4%	7.1%
Manufacturing	436,000	436,000	451,800	0	(15,800)	0.0%	-3.5%
Durables	272,000	272,600	283,600	(600)	(11,600)	-0.2%	-4.1%
Nondurables	164,000	163,400	168,200	600	(4,200)	0.4%	-2.5%
Transportation, Utilities	137,700	137,200	135,800	500	1,900	0.4%	1.4%
Trade	733,500	730,300	716,500	3,200	17,000	0.4%	2.4%
Wholesale	176,500	176,200	173,900	300	2,600	0.2%	1.5%
Retail	557,000	554,100	542,600	2,900	14,400	0.5%	2.7%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	221,500	220,600	215,700	900	5,800	0.4%	2.7%
Services	1,157,300	1,151,700	1,127,900	5,600	29,400	0.5%	2.6%
Total Private	2,802,900	2,793,200	2,756,900	9,700	46,000	0.3%	1.7%
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**MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 3.2% IN JULY;
JOBS AND PEOPLE WORKING BOTH REACH NEW HIGHS**

The Division of Employment and Training (DET) today announced that the Massachusetts seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose from 3.0 percent in June to 3.2 percent in July, the same rate posted in May. For the first seven months of 1999 unemployment has averaged 3.0 percent.

The Massachusetts rate was 1.1 percentage point lower than the U.S. rate, which remained unchanged at 4.3 percent. The Massachusetts rate has been lower than the U.S. rate for 53 consecutive months and has run at least one full percentage point lower during each of the past fourteen months.

Commenting on the latest jobs report, Governor Paul Cellucci said "Record job growth continues to drive our strong economy, placing Massachusetts at the forefront as an attractive place to work and do business."

The number of Massachusetts residents working in July increased by 3,100, reaching a new record breaking high of 3,181,200. The strong economy attracted 9,000 more persons into the labor force in July, the largest one month expansion since December 1997, when the labor force grew by 10,100. This large labor force expansion caused a 5,900 increase in reported unemployment last month, despite the substantial increase in the number of people who were employed.

The pace of Massachusetts job growth accelerated in July from that recorded over the prior two monthly periods. The 5,800 monthly increase boosted job levels to 3,226,200, the sixth consecutive record breaking high. Jobs are up 42,700 (1.3 percent) from one year ago; however, more than three-fourths of these gains (32,300 jobs) occurred during the past six months, evidence of the continuing extraordinary strength of the Massachusetts economy.

Among the major industry sectors, retail trade posted the biggest gains for the second straight month, adding 4,900 jobs in July. Eating and drinking places, food stores, apparel stores, and specialty retail shops all recorded sizeable over-the-month gains. Since July 1998, retail trade has added 13,800 jobs, to reach 562,200, growing at a 2.5 percent annual rate. Three retail industries showed annual growth rates of at least four percent: Specialty retail stores (5.3 percent); building materials and supplies (4.8 percent); and apparel stores (4.0 percent). Wholesale trade, at 177,100, added 900 jobs over the month and is up 1,800 or 1.0 percent from one year ago.

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Job growth in services slowed over the last two months, with 1,200 jobs added in June and 1,300 in July. Still, jobs in the Bay State's largest sector reached their sixth consecutive record high last month, totaling 1,162,100. Since July 1998, services jobs have increased by 27,600 or 2.4 percent. Business services are up 9,400 or 4.0 percent over the year, engineering and management services are up 5,100 or 4.2 percent, and social services are up 3,100 or 3.7 percent.

Finance, insurance and real estate recorded a 400 job gain in July after remaining essentially unchanged during the prior two month period. Gains were recorded in the security and commodity broker industry, while lesser gains in banking were offset by losses in insurance. At 222,000, jobs in finance, insurance and real estate are up 4,600 or 2.1 percent over the year, with gains concentrated in the security and commodity broker and banking industries.

Construction added 200 jobs in July. Construction jobs are up 6,500 or 6.0 percent since July 1998, but employment in this sector has remained generally level throughout much of 1999.

Manufacturing jobs increased for the first time since July 1998. The 700 job increase paralleled the national trend, where manufacturing posted job gains for the first time since August 1998. Manufacturing jobs are off 14,700 or 3.3 percent since July 1998 and it is too early to know whether the July numbers for this sector represent a change in the trend. However, some manufacturing industries are showing over-the-year increases, including: communications equipment, stone, clay and glass, miscellaneous manufacturing, and miscellaneous plastic products.

NOTE: The local area unemployment statistics for July will be released on Tuesday August 24, 1999. The August unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, September 17, 1999, as will the August survey of jobs. (See 1/22/99 Media Advisory, annual schedule, for complete listing of release dates.) Detailed labor market information is available at DET's website: www.detma.org.

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May	4,769,000	3,260,100	3,165,100	95,000	2.9	4.0	3,278,600	3,174,600	104,000	3.2	4.2
June	4,772,000	3,324,000	3,219,400	104,600	3.1	4.5	3,277,100	3,178,100	99,000	3.0	4.3
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Nondurables	164,300	163,700	169,000	600	(4,700)	0.4%	-2.8%
Transportation, Utilities	137,700	138,200	137,000	(500)	700	-0.4%	0.5%
Trade	739,300	733,500	723,700	5,800	15,600	0.8%	2.2%
Wholesale	177,100	176,200	175,300	900	1,800	0.5%	1.0%
Retail	562,200	557,300	548,400	4,900	13,800	0.9%	2.5%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	222,000	221,600	217,400	400	4,600	0.2%	2.1%
Services	1,162,100	1,160,800	1,134,500	1,300	27,600	0.1%	2.4%
Total Private	2,812,300	2,804,400	2,772,000	7,900	40,300	0.3%	1.5%
Government	413,900	416,000	411,500	(2,100)	2,400	-0.5%	0.6%
*High Tech	306,500	306,000	307,100	500	(600)	0.2%	-0.2%
*Manufacturing	158,300	158,900	165,100	(600)	(6,800)	-0.4%	-4.1%
*Nonmanufacturing	148,200	147,100	142,000	1,100	6,200	0.7%	4.4%

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN BAY STATE DROPS TO 3.1% IN AUGUST;
JOBS CONTINUE RECORD SETTING PACE

The Division of Employment and Training (DET) today announced that the Massachusetts seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped from 3.2 percent in July to 3.1 percent in August. For the twelve month period from September 1998 to August 1999, unemployment has averaged 3.1 percent.

The Massachusetts rate remained 1.1 percentage point lower than the U.S. rate, which also dropped 0.1 percentage point, to 4.2 percent. The Massachusetts rate has been lower than the U.S. rate for 54 consecutive months and has run at least one full percentage point lower during each of the past fifteen months.

Commenting on the latest jobs report, Governor Paul Cellucci said "This latest drop in unemployment is further evidence that our agenda for economic growth is on track."

After an unusually large 9,600 labor force expansion in July, the Massachusetts labor force fell by 6,800 to 3,279,900 in August. The number of Massachusetts residents working in August was 3,177,200, off 3,900 from its record breaking high of July, while the number of unemployed dropped 2,800 to 102,700 in August.

Massachusetts has 12,600 more residents working and 2,800 fewer unemployed in August 1999 than the comparable month one year ago. At that time, in August 1998, the Massachusetts unemployment rate was already at a then-decade low of 3.2 percent.

The number of Massachusetts jobs in August reached another record breaking high for the seventh consecutive month. The 2,800 net monthly increase brought job levels to 3,228,600. Jobs are up 42,800 (1.3 percent) from one year ago.

The services industry added 2,100 jobs in August, reaching a record high for the seventh consecutive month. Social services, health services, and engineering and management services all recorded solid over-the-month gains. Jobs in the services industry now total 1,164,400, an increase of 27,300 or 2.4 percent from one year ago. Business services are up 9,100 or 3.8 percent over the year, engineering and management services are up 5,200 or 4.2 percent, and social services are up 3,400 or 4.1 percent.

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After posting a particularly strong 4,700 job gain in July, retail trade lost nearly half of these gains in August, falling by 2,200 to 559,900. Specialty retail stores and eating and drinking places showed the largest over-the-month declines. Retail trade has generated 11,200 jobs since August 1998 -- a 2.0 percent annual increase -- with gains spread among all industry components.

Manufacturing followed up a 500 job gain in July with 600 additional jobs in August. It is still too early to know whether the recent increases for this sector represent a change in the trend. However, it is encouraging that Massachusetts manufacturers continued to post job gains in August, whereas nationally, August manufacturing declines wiped out the July gains. Manufacturing jobs in the Bay State are off 11,300 or 2.5 percent since August 1998. Manufacturing industries showing over-the-year increases include: communications equipment; stone, clay and glass; miscellaneous manufacturing; and miscellaneous plastic products.

Finance, insurance and real estate was essentially unchanged in August, adding 100 jobs over the month. At 222,200, jobs in finance, insurance and real estate are up 4,600 or 2.1 percent over the year, with gains concentrated in the security and commodity broker and banking industries.

Construction remained effectively unchanged in August at 114,100. Although construction jobs are up 5,800 or 5.4 percent since August 1998, employment in this sector has shown little growth during 1999. Construction added 200 jobs in July. Construction jobs are up 6,500 or 6.0 percent since July 1998, but employment in this sector has remained generally level throughout much of 1999.

NOTE: The local area unemployment statistics for August will be released on Tuesday September 21, 1999. The September unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, October 22, 1999, as will the September survey of jobs. (See 1/22/99 Media Advisory, annual schedule, for complete listing of release dates.) Detailed labor market information is available at DET's website: www.detma.org.

Massachusetts Labor Force Data and National Unemployment Rate

1998 and 1999 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data

(Unemployment Rates in percent)

	Working Age Population	Seasonally Unadjusted				Seasonally Adjusted					
		Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate
1998											
January	4,739,000	3,255,400	3,114,300	141,200	4.3	5.2	3,278,400	3,159,200	119,100	3.6	4.6
February	4,740,000	3,248,800	3,119,700	129,100	4.0	5.0	3,279,300	3,163,700	115,700	3.5	4.6
March	4,742,000	3,263,400	3,130,200	133,200	4.1	5.0	3,279,900	3,164,100	115,800	3.5	4.7
April	4,744,000	3,238,000	3,139,700	98,300	3.0	4.1	3,272,900	3,167,400	105,500	3.2	4.3
May	4,746,000	3,261,700	3,156,300	105,400	3.2	4.2	3,280,300	3,165,600	114,700	3.5	4.4
June	4,748,000	3,321,700	3,206,100	115,600	3.5	4.7	3,274,900	3,164,900	110,000	3.4	4.5
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August	4,753,000	3,312,200	3,213,300	99,000	3.0	4.5	3,270,000	3,164,600	105,500	3.2	4.5
September	4,756,000	3,260,100	3,149,100	111,000	3.4	4.4	3,274,200	3,164,900	109,300	3.3	4.5
October	4,759,000	3,270,600	3,177,700	92,900	2.8	4.2	3,272,700	3,166,500	106,300	3.2	4.5
November	4,761,000	3,268,600	3,180,200	88,500	2.7	4.1	3,264,400	3,163,100	101,300	3.1	4.4
December	4,762,000	3,255,900	3,167,200	88,700	2.7	4.0	3,259,500	3,159,200	100,400	3.1	4.3
Annual	4,750,100	3,273,400	3,164,300	109,100	3.3	4.5	3,273,400	3,164,300	109,100	3.3	4.5
1999											
January	4,763,000	3,242,300	3,117,400	124,900	3.9	4.8	3,264,600	3,161,700	102,900	3.2	4.3
February	4,764,000	3,234,000	3,126,400	107,600	3.3	4.7	3,265,200	3,170,800	94,500	2.9	4.4
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Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

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U.S. data series for 1994-1998 revised as of January 8, 1999.

Preliminary Monthly Job Estimates (CES-790)
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Massachusetts

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Nonagricultural	3,228,600	3,225,800	3,185,800	2,800	42,800	0.1%	1.3%
Construction	114,100	114,200	108,300	(100)	5,800	-0.1%	5.4%
Manufacturing	435,800	435,200	447,100	600	(11,300)	0.1%	-2.5%
Durables	271,900	271,200	280,600	700	(8,700)	0.3%	-3.1%
Nondurables	163,900	164,000	166,500	(100)	(2,600)	-0.1%	-1.6%
Transportation, Utilities	137,800	137,900	136,200	(100)	1,600	-0.1%	1.2%
Trade	737,300	739,100	724,800	(1,800)	12,500	-0.2%	1.7%
Wholesale	177,400	177,000	176,100	400	1,300	0.2%	0.7%
Retail	559,900	562,100	548,700	(2,200)	11,200	-0.4%	2.0%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	222,200	222,100	217,600	100	4,600	0.0%	2.1%
Services	1,164,400	1,162,300	1,137,100	2,100	27,300	0.2%	2.4%
Total Private	2,812,900	2,812,100	2,772,400	800	40,500	0.0%	1.5%
Government	415,700	413,700	413,400	2,000	2,300	0.5%	0.6%
*High Tech	306,300	306,600	307,100	(300)	(800)	-0.1%	-0.3%
*Manufacturing	157,800	158,300	164,700	(500)	(6,900)	-0.3%	-4.2%
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MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT FALLS TO 2.9% IN SEPTEMBER

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The Division of Employment and Training (DET) today announced that the Massachusetts seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped from 3.1 percent in August to 2.9 percent in September. This marks only the fifth time since modern systems of record keeping began in 1970 that the monthly rate has fallen under three percent; four of these record-breaking lows have occurred in 1999. Unemployment for the first three quarters of 1999 has averaged 3.0 percent, with the monthly estimates falling in a narrow range from 2.8 percent to 3.2 percent.

With the U.S. rate remaining at 4.2 percent, the gap between the Massachusetts and U.S. rates stretched to 1.3 percentage points. The Massachusetts rate has been lower than the U.S. rate for 55 consecutive months and has run at least one full percentage point lower during each of the past sixteen months.

Commenting on the latest jobs report, Governor Paul Cellucci said "Our policies of cutting taxes and creating a business friendly environment are continuing to produce results for the working people of Massachusetts. Our unemployment rate is reaching historic lows and remains one of the lowest in the nation."

The number of unemployed fell by 8,400, from 103,200 in August to 94,800 in September. The number of Massachusetts residents working in September was 3,178,300, up 1,000 from the prior month but still short of its record breaking high of 3,181,100 two months ago.

Massachusetts has 13,400 more residents working and 14,500 fewer unemployed in September 1999 than the comparable month one year ago. In September 1998 the Massachusetts unemployment rate stood at 3.3 percent.

Massachusetts job levels reached a record high for the eighth consecutive month, with a 2,600 increase in September. At 3,231,600, jobs are up 43,700 (1.4 percent) from one year ago.

After seven consecutive months of expansion, the services industry held steady at its August record high of 1,164,300. Since September 1998, services have added 25,900 jobs, an increase of 2.3 percent. Business services are up 8,800 or 3.7 percent over the year, engineering and management services are up 4,900 or 4.0 percent, and social services are up 3,100 or 3.7 percent.

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Retail trade jobs declined by 1,900 in September, while wholesale trade added 1,000 jobs. With the return of teenagers to school, some retailers have had difficulty finding workers to hire. Since one year ago, retail trade has grown by 8,500 or 1.5 percent, slightly higher than the overall job growth rate of 1.4 percent. Gains occurred in all industries except food stores and general merchandise stores.

Manufacturing remained effectively unchanged at 435,700 in September. Over the quarter, Massachusetts manufacturing has experienced a net gain of 1,000 jobs, with job growth of 500 in July and 600 in August, followed by a statistically insignificant loss of 100 jobs in September. These encouraging local trends contrast with a pattern of manufacturing decline nationally during the third quarter. Manufacturing industries showing over-the-year increases include: communications equipment; stone, clay and glass; miscellaneous manufacturing; and rubber and miscellaneous plastic products.

Construction added 1,000 jobs in September, its first substantial monthly gain in six months. At 115,400, construction is up 6,900 or 6.4 percent over the past year.

Finance, insurance and real estate showed a small 200 job increase over the month. At 222,300, jobs in finance, insurance and real estate are up 4,000 or 1.8 percent over the year, with gains concentrated in the security and commodity broker industry.

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July	4,774,000	3,335,200	3,228,900	106,300	3.2	4.5	3,286,700	3,181,100	105,500	3.2	4.3
August	4,776,000	3,322,100	3,224,900	97,200	2.9	4.2	3,280,500	3,177,300	103,200	3.1	4.2
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Durables	271,800	271,900	279,100	(100)	(7,300)	0.0%	-2.6%
Nondurables	163,900	163,900	166,200	0	(2,300)	0.0%	-1.4%
Transportation, Utilities	139,600	138,300	136,200	1,300	3,400	0.9%	2.5%
Trade	736,500	737,400	726,200	(900)	10,300	-0.1%	1.4%
Wholesale	178,200	177,200	176,400	1,000	1,800	0.6%	1.0%
Retail	558,300	560,200	549,800	(1,900)	8,500	-0.3%	1.5%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	222,300	222,100	218,300	200	4,000	0.1%	1.8%
Services	1,164,300	1,164,300	1,138,400	0	25,900	0.0%	2.3%
Total Private	2,815,000	2,813,600	2,774,200	1,400	40,800	0.0%	1.5%
Government	416,600	415,400	413,700	1,200	2,900	0.3%	0.7%
*High Tech	304,500	306,300	304,600	(1,800)	(100)	-0.6%	0.0%
*Manufacturing	157,400	157,800	163,400	(400)	(6,000)	-0.3%	-3.7%
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UNEMPLOYMENT UP TO 3.2% IN OCTOBER BUT NUMBER OF MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS WORKING REACHES RECORD HIGH

The Division of Employment and Training (DET) today announced that the Massachusetts seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 2.9 percent in September to 3.2 percent in October; this increase was driven by an unusually large jump in the resident labor force last month. Both the number of people working and the number of jobs in Massachusetts reached new all-time highs in October. Since October 1998 the Massachusetts rate has remained in a narrow range from 2.8 percent to 3.2 percent. Unemployment for the first ten months of 1999 has averaged 3.0 percent.

The Massachusetts rate was 0.9 percentage point lower than the U.S. rate, which dropped from 4.2 percent to 4.1 percent. The Massachusetts rate has been lower than the U.S. rate for 56 consecutive months

Commenting on the latest jobs report, Governor Paul Cellucci said "More Massachusetts residents are working than ever before. This is proof positive of the effectiveness of our policies of fiscal restraint, cutting taxes and improving the business climate in the Bay State."

The number of Massachusetts residents working in October increased by 3,500, reaching a new record breaking high of 3,182,400. The previous record of 3,181,100 was set three months ago in July 1999. The strong economy attracted 13,000 more persons into the labor force in October, the largest one month expansion since January 1997, when the labor force grew by 13,100. At 3,287,300 the labor force is also at a new high. This large labor force expansion caused a 9,500 increase in reported unemployment last month, despite the increase in the number of people who were employed.

Massachusetts job levels reached a record high for the ninth consecutive month, with a 700 increase in October. At 3,233,500, jobs are up 43,600 (1.4 percent) from one year ago. However, the rate of job growth has slowed considerably over the last six months as only 16,000 jobs have been added since April.

The services industry led the way in October with a 3,900 job gain, reaching a record high for the ninth consecutive month. Business services showed strength in October with a 1,500 job increase. Since October 1998, services have added 27,000 jobs to reach a level of 1,168,700, an increase of 2.4 percent. Business services are up 9,300 or 3.9 percent over the year, engineering and management services are up 4,900 or 4.0 percent, and social services are up 3,200 or 3.8 percent.

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Retail trade jobs fell by 1,700 in October, while wholesale trade added 400 jobs with increases among durable goods distributors. Mirroring the national picture, retail trade in Massachusetts has declined three months in a row. Losses are being reflected in specialty retail shops, general merchandise stores and apparel stores. At 557,600, retail trade jobs are still up 8,300 or 1.5 percent from one year ago, slightly higher than the 1.4 percent job growth rate shown by the state's economy as a whole. Over-the-year gains occurred in all industries except general merchandise stores.

Finance, insurance and real estate was effectively unchanged in October at 222,200. Jobs in finance, insurance and real estate are up 3,600 or 1.6 percent over the year, with gains concentrated in the security and commodity broker industry.

Construction was down slightly in October with a 200-job decrease. At 115,300, construction is up 6,300 or 5.8 percent over the past year, but job levels are actually 800 below where they were in March 1999.

Manufacturing jobs were off by 600 in October, but at 435,200, were up 500 over the most recent four-month period. Slower job losses earlier in the year coupled with some recent increases, have resulted in an over-the-year manufacturing job loss that has now been reduced to 8,200. Manufacturing industries showing over-the-year increases include: communications equipment; stone, clay and glass; miscellaneous manufacturing; printing and publishing; and rubber products.

In the high technology cluster, nonmanufacturing continues to show rapid job growth, with a 4.3 percent increase since October 1998, bringing total employment to 147,500 as of October 1999. This growth rate is second only to construction's 5.8 percent over-the-year rate of job growth. Nonmanufacturing activity now represents almost half (48 percent) of the 304,700 high technology jobs in Massachusetts, a dramatic shift from ten years ago, when nonmanufacturing jobs comprised only 29 percent of high technology employment in the Bay State.

NOTE: The local area unemployment statistics for October will be released on Tuesday November 23, 1999. The November unemployment rate and labor force data for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, December 17, 1999, as will the November survey of jobs. (See 1/22/99 Media Advisory, annual schedule, for complete listing of release dates.) Detailed labor market information is available at DET's website: www.detma.org.

Massachusetts Labor Force Data and National Unemployment Rate

1998 and 1999 by Month

Seasonally Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted Data

(Unemployment Rates in percent)

	Working Age Population	Seasonally Unadjusted				Seasonally Adjusted					
		Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Mass Rate	National Rate
1998											
January	4,739,000	3,255,400	3,114,300	141,200	4.3	5.2	3,278,400	3,159,200	119,100	3.6	4.6
February	4,740,000	3,248,800	3,119,700	129,100	4.0	5.0	3,279,300	3,163,700	115,700	3.5	4.6
March	4,742,000	3,263,400	3,130,200	133,200	4.1	5.0	3,279,900	3,164,100	115,800	3.5	4.7
April	4,744,000	3,238,000	3,139,700	98,300	3.0	4.1	3,272,900	3,167,400	105,500	3.2	4.3
May	4,746,000	3,261,700	3,156,300	105,400	3.2	4.2	3,280,300	3,165,600	114,700	3.5	4.4
June	4,748,000	3,321,700	3,206,100	115,600	3.5	4.7	3,274,900	3,164,900	110,000	3.4	4.5
July	4,751,000	3,324,500	3,217,900	106,600	3.2	4.7	3,274,400	3,169,000	105,400	3.2	4.5
August	4,753,000	3,312,200	3,213,300	99,000	3.0	4.5	3,270,000	3,164,600	105,500	3.2	4.5
September	4,756,000	3,260,100	3,149,100	111,000	3.4	4.4	3,274,200	3,164,900	109,300	3.3	4.5
October	4,759,000	3,270,600	3,177,700	92,900	2.8	4.2	3,272,700	3,166,500	106,300	3.2	4.5
November	4,761,000	3,268,600	3,180,200	88,500	2.7	4.1	3,264,400	3,163,100	101,300	3.1	4.4
December	4,762,000	3,255,900	3,167,200	88,700	2.7	4.0	3,259,500	3,159,200	100,400	3.1	4.3
Annual	4,750,100	3,273,400	3,164,300	109,100	3.3	4.5	3,273,400	3,164,300	109,100	3.3	4.5
1999											
January	4,763,000	3,242,300	3,117,400	124,900	3.9	4.8	3,264,600	3,161,700	102,900	3.2	4.3
February	4,764,000	3,234,000	3,126,400	107,600	3.3	4.7	3,265,200	3,170,800	94,500	2.9	4.4
March	4,765,000	3,247,000	3,137,900	109,100	3.4	4.4	3,264,700	3,172,800	91,800	2.8	4.2
April	4,768,000	3,236,900	3,149,700	87,200	2.7	4.1	3,272,800	3,178,300	94,500	2.9	4.3
May	4,769,000	3,260,100	3,165,100	95,000	2.9	4.0	3,278,600	3,174,600	104,000	3.2	4.2
June	4,772,000	3,324,000	3,219,400	104,600	3.1	4.5	3,277,100	3,178,100	99,000	3.0	4.3
July	4,774,000	3,335,200	3,228,900	106,300	3.2	4.5	3,286,700	3,181,100	105,500	3.2	4.3
August	4,776,000	3,322,100	3,224,900	97,200	2.9	4.2	3,280,500	3,177,300	103,200	3.1	4.2
September	4,779,000	3,261,500	3,163,000	98,500	3.0	4.1	3,274,300	3,178,900	95,400	2.9	4.2
October	4,781,000	3,284,100	3,191,900	92,200	2.8	3.8	3,287,300	3,182,400	104,900	3.2	4.1

Note: Labor force estimates are based upon time series models that use a combination of data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey and the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. They also include seasonal and trend components.

Source: Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training; U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Massachusetts data series for 1994 - 1998 revised as of February 26, 1999.

U.S. data series for 1994-1998 revised as of January 8, 1999.

Preliminary Monthly Job Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)
Massachusetts

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Industry	October-99 Current Month	September-99 Prior Month	October-98 Year Ago	Net Change Prior Month	Net Change Year Ago	% Change Prior Month	% Change Year Ago
Nonagricultural	3,233,500	3,232,800	3,189,900	700	43,600	0.0%	1.4%
Construction	115,300	115,500	109,000	(200)	6,300	-0.2%	5.8%
Manufacturing	435,200	435,800	443,400	(600)	(8,200)	-0.1%	-1.8%
Durables	271,700	271,900	277,700	(200)	(6,000)	-0.1%	-2.2%
Nondurables	163,500	163,900	165,700	(400)	(2,200)	-0.2%	-1.3%
Transportation, Utilities	137,800	139,700	135,600	(1,900)	2,200	-1.4%	1.6%
Trade	735,700	737,000	725,800	(1,300)	9,900	-0.2%	1.4%
Wholesale	178,100	177,700	176,500	400	1,600	0.2%	0.9%
Retail	557,600	559,300	549,300	(1,700)	8,300	-0.3%	1.5%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	222,200	222,300	218,600	(100)	3,600	0.0%	1.6%
Services	1,168,700	1,164,800	1,141,700	3,900	27,000	0.3%	2.4%
Total Private	2,816,200	2,816,300	2,775,400	(100)	40,800	0.0%	1.5%
Government	417,300	416,500	414,500	800	2,800	0.2%	0.7%
* High Tech	304,700	304,300	303,600	400	1,100	0.1%	0.4%
* Manufacturing	157,200	157,100	162,200	100	(5,000)	0.1%	-3.1%
* Nonmanufacturing	147,500	147,200	141,400	300	6,100	0.2%	4.3%

* These are DET estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) program: 1998 Benchmark (2/26/99)

A monthly survey of approximately 11,000 Massachusetts employers, designed to produce preliminary employment estimates for the State and its major labor market areas. The survey counts the total number of payroll jobs in nonagricultural establishments by place of work.

